

## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**From:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:25 AM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC); Castonguay, Julien (SAC/ISC); Jeans2, Terry (SAC/ISC); Eke, Darren (SAC/ISC); Mahmoud, Reem (SAC/ISC); Cookson-Hills, Molly (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** FW: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

FYI – a follow up email from Virginia with more info.

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**From:** Virginia Toulouse <Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca>  
**Sent:** 2021-06-09 9:27 AM  
**To:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Churchill, Tanya (SAC/ISC) <tanya.churchill@canada.ca>; Metallic, Gina (SAC/ISC) <gina.metallic@canada.ca>; Violante, Carmela (SAC/ISC) <carmela.violante@canada.ca>; Dwyer, Jessica (SAC/ISC) <jessica.dwyer@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

One last thing, I can't believe I forgot to include:

We are providing \$10k per community to restore balance and take care of the fatigue, the sense of loss, as communities and families welcome home these spirits that the land has lovingly held until they could be found and returned.

The communities have ways of knowing and the cultural guidance to help shape the healing work that is needed. These funds are to help support that work in a good way. Some ideas and options for consideration, acknowledging that each community has its own knowledge and wisdom.

- Honorariums, fees, and travel expenses for helpers to visit your community such as:
  - Local or trusted Sacred Knowledge Keepers who have a relationship with your community
  - Indigenous Focusing Orientated Therapy Practitioners, or other providers who can offer body-focused grounding approaches collectively or to families that are culturally safe and trauma specific (to avoid vicarious or sharing traumatization).
  - Culturally Safe Mental Health Practitioners (note that providers listed on the FNHA Health Benefits Provider list are not eligible for this funding as that program can be billed for services) for group processing or support for individuals or families.
  - Critical Incident Stress Management Provider facilitated group or individual family debriefing to help identify ways to help communities sit with this news and keep the community safer in light of this discovery.



- Ceremonies and Gatherings conducted following COVID-19 safety protocols (for more information on public health measures: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>).
  - Drumming & singing
  - Sacred fire
  - Candlelight vigil
  - Brushings or smudges
  - Community walk
  - Feast/potlatch/luncheons
  - Healing circles/talking circles
- Spiritual Care
  - Creating a local, physical memorial/altar that members can visit to honor the spirits of the 215, and others who may have been taken at other residential schools.
  - Providing a meaningful area for community members to leave items (eg. medicines, children's shoes, flowers).
  - Travel support for families/descendants of stolen children who attended the Kamloops Residential School or travel for a sacred knowledge keeper(s) to bring the children's' spirits home. Alternatively, any other ceremonial practices to bring their spirits home.
  - Harvest or sharing of traditional foods and medicines that restore balance or provide spiritual care for the spirits of community members, with guidance on how to use these to increase connection in community and support the grief and loss collectively felt.

Virginia  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 9, 2021, at 6:02 AM, Virginia Toulouse <[Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca](mailto:Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca)> wrote:

**Good Morning Jamie**

Hope you are doing well. Sending a quick update on the mental health supports in BC.

The discovery of the mass grave on Tk'emlups te Secwepemc territory has affected all Indigenous communities across the province and Canada. This finding touches each of us and many in our communities are triggered and grieving from this discovery that validates what residential school survivors have been saying for generations. It is also recognized that there is a lot of fatigue in our bodies and communities around the atrocities committed at residential schools and the ongoing stress of the pandemic, the toxic drug crisis, and our ongoing work in health and wellness.

We are holding debriefing sessions in regions, with the Health Directors, front line workers and Leadership.

- FNHA gathered staff from across BC, approximately 500+ attended, focussed on importance of self care. Cultural Support Workers, George Jeffrey and Freddy Johnson, and FNHC Chair, FNHA Board Chair, CEO, HR VP were part of the speakers panel. Staff were provided a list of resources available to all.

-The northern region held gathering of their front line staff to discuss the challenges and what may present itself to leadership and staff as a result of last weeks' announcement; and to share with leadership and staff the importance of their own self-care and provide examples of ways that they can take good care of their spirits as they provide the important support and work to their communities.  
- Other sessions are scheduled next week.

- 6 Health and cultural supports deployed to Tk'emlups last weekend as requested by community  
- Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) has moved operations from 8:00 to 5:00 (Monday to Friday) to 24/7 effective June 4th  
- The IRS/MMIWG/IDS health and cultural workers have started to provide in person health and cultural supports. Many requests received from communities across BC for in person support. Virtual support continues to be provided.  
- The two toll free lines KU-US and IRSSS are receiving calls from across the country. Quite a few of the calls are from non-indigenous persons, young people and many survivors that are being re-triggered from the findings of the 215 children buried in mass graves.  
- Approximately 300 people gathered at Fraser Lake to remember the 215 children. Health and cultural supports deployed to support the participants.  
- FNHB is working on expediting the prior approvals for the counselling support to deal with triggers and crisis from the Tk'emlups.  
- the Mental Health and Wellness Manager from Interior Region who is also a member of Tk'emlups met with Brenda Restoule and me last Friday. This was most helpful. Need for debriefing, more indigenous clinicians and a road map for mental health and wellness were identified. Follow-up call with Brenda requested. We are looking to arrange this for next week.

The two BC crisis lines will continue to support all callers and provide the immediate support, grounding, etc. What would be helpful is for us to develop a seamless process for follow-up for client calls from outside BC. I have flagged this to Gina for the call she is arranging for all IRS regional leads.

That's it for now.

Virginia

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On Jun 2, 2021, at 7:42 AM, Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC)  
<[jamie.bryan@canada.ca](mailto:jamie.bryan@canada.ca)> wrote:

Thank you for the update!

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As per.

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**From:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 5:44 PM  
**To:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** RE: Any word yet from FNHA on amount?

Nothing further from Virginia today.

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** 2021-06-03 5:41 PM  
**To:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** Any word yet from FNHA on amount?

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**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** Re: Debrief ADM meeting re: Kamloops IRS

Virginia gave us an update on what's happening, and connected with Dr. Restoule.

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On Jun 2, 2021, at 10:46 PM, Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca> wrote:

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**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>; Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <kelley.blanchette@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: Debrief ADM meeting re: Kamloops IRS

Hi,

Yes, that is the plan but we wanted to make sure we had the federal house in order. I shared this with Deputy Clerk on our call this afternoon. She is also supportive. I think we will need to drive this, even if we don't have the lead s many partners will work through ISC (both HQ and the regions).

Do we have an update on FNHA needs?

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 8:56 PM  
**To:** Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <kelley.blanchette@canada.ca>; Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: Debrief ADM meeting re: Kamloops IRS

This all makes sense to me. I wonder Deputy if yourself and Daniel could also plan an FPT DM discussion on this with your colleagues in a few weeks?

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Deputies- A few bullets re: call this evening:

In attendance: Officials from ISC (Kelley, Keith, Gail, Danielle and Joanne); CIRNA (Martin Reiher and Karen Turcotte); Heritage (Emmanuelle Sajous); Justice (Marie Bourry) - CIRNA will act as secretariat and ensure that all Comms shops are invited to daily touch-base sessions for at least the next week. We can add CFRDO as well.

The draft DM info note (LED piece) will be shared with CIRNA/ISC ADMs on the call.

ISC noted that there is a need for a single point of authoritative information (for us, being run through LED for now) in terms of work/funding done, under way and planned, as well as for a single system to track requests/proposals coming in, recognizing CIRNA's mandate and funding envelope. We further suggested and there was general agreement on the need to stand up an incident command centre, for which ADMs will identify leads (more on this below).

CIRNA is collecting data from ISC and Heritage on expenditures to date and planned; a clear narrative on work done and planned is also needed. The joint appearance tomorrow morning will also be instructive on future lines of research and action.

There was general agreement that the multi-faceted nature (land surveying, perimeter security, site demolition/ remediation, mental health supports, communications, justice system) requires a whole-of-government approach.

Public Safety will also be engaged - not just RCMP but more so in relation to the National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains (it was noted that this organization is also being overwhelmed with calls and that Provincial coroners determine whether sites are deemed to be criminal or historic - unclear if there's a possibility for them to be both).

In terms of an ISC lead, we would propose that David Russell, currently the Director of LED in BC Region and who spent many years with IRSS, would be well placed to lead on special assignment. He could report through Stephen Traynor in LED. We feel they would make a great team. Catherine has proactively reached out to through Bill Guerin and he is supportive of this proposal. IF you concur, we can follow up to query David's interest.

Kelley Blanchette, Ph.D.  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Economic Development  
Sous-ministre adjointe, Terres et développement économique  
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**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC); Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: MMIWG - Ramp Up of Health and Cultural Supports Requests

Thanks – we'll highlight that as well with the FNIHB Regional Mental Wellness Cluster Leads.

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**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>; Peckham2, David (AADNC/AANDC) <david.peckham2@canada.ca>; Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>; Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>; Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>; Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC) <keith.conn@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** MMIWG - Ramp Up of Health and Cultural Supports Requests

Wanted to share that MaryK at CIRNAC reached out saying that they will want to ramp up this week communications on availability of health and cultural supports in light of the MMIWG Inquiry's Final Report and the events related to Kamloops Indian Residential Schools. I understand a request may have come via Comms, but just wanted you to all be aware.

This will create surge pressures for providers. Jamie, I know you have already been in contact with Regional Cluster Leads re. the BC request for assistance and they likely already are sensitized to the timing of June 3<sup>rd</sup> also, but just wanted to underline the situation.

Wela'lin/Wela'lioq

Valerie Gideon, Ph.D. (she/her/elle)  
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**To:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Mahmoud, Reem (SAC/ISC); Jeans2, Terry (SAC/ISC); Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: Update from the FNHA

Just to update you all, the contractor has indicated that he had additional staff working today, and he will assess again tomorrow if they have enough or need more. Volumes have come down since Monday, so that plus the extra staff has meant that things are more manageable.

For the month of May, average daily English call volumes were 97. Volumes started to climb on May 27 (106), May 28 (122), and May 29 (116), then dipped on Sunday May 30 (83), but spiked to 177% of the monthly average (if I've done the math right) on May 31 (172).

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**Sent:** 2021-06-03 11:32 AM  
**To:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>; Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
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I've not heard anything this morning, but we can check in with the contractor again. Might be more telling mid-afternoon to see what may have been prompted by the NAP release.

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**From:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>  
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Jamie,

Any issues with the National IRS HSP line and Hope for Wellness line overnight and this morning? (the call volume was stabilizing yesterday afternoon) T

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**Cc:** Mahmoud, Reem (SAC/ISC); Jeans2, Terry (SAC/ISC); Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC)  
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**Subject:** RE: Update from the FNHA

Likely yes – while we're less directly involved in BC/FNHA matters day-to-day matters, in other regions a number of our cultural and emotional service providers are part time, so when there is a spike or surge required many of these workers pick up additional hours. In the past, the FNHA has demonstrated a great deal of capacity to get the money and services out to communities – they are also very effective at promoting the availability of services, so uptake is often faster than in other regions.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 6:23 PM  
**To:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - REQUEST FOR SURGE SUPPORTS FOR BC

The contractor has just gotten back to me and said that he will work with his team to be ready for tomorrow (and subsequent days).

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** 2021-06-02 6:01 PM  
**To:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - REQUEST FOR SURGE SUPPORTS FOR BC

Would be good to keep in touch with them on that.....anticipating some more pressure in the days and weeks to come.

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:48 PM  
**To:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - REQUEST FOR SURGE SUPPORTS FOR BC

Great – thanks!

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**From:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT - REQUEST FOR SURGE SUPPORTS FOR BC

When we checked-in today with them, things seem to have stabilized and they felt that they had a better handle on volumes.

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On Jun 2, 2021, at 5:28 PM, Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca> wrote:

Hi Jamie – any update on this by any chance? Just on a call with Deputy.

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
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We've followed up with them today to see if they are / have been able to get additional counsellors on shift. They have a pool of qualified ones, so it may be as simple as asking which counsellors want full time / more hours.

If they are maxxed out, and aren't able to swiftly onboard new counsellors, we may need to look at other creative solutions.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:15 PM  
**To:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Jeans2, Terry (SAC/ISC); Eke, Darren (SAC/ISC); Mahmoud, Reem (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** Update From FNHA

Hi there,

The FNHA has provided us with their latest update – I've formatted it a bit for ease of reading. At present, they seem to be managing the response internally and have not requested additional supports from outside the province or requested additional funding. We continue to be at the ready to assist, and the regions have also been alerted. One issue that the FNHA has raised is that they are receiving calls for supports from out-of-province, so we are working with the FNHA to be able to refer these individuals to supports available in the regions where they reside.

Regards,

Jamie

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### **FNHA UPDATE:**

- 1) FNHA is providing \$10k per community to restore balance and take care of the fatigue, the sense of loss, as communities and families welcome home these spirits that the land has lovingly held until they could be found and returned. This will enable communities to use their own ways of knowing and cultural guidance to help shape the healing work that is needed.
- 2) The FNHA is holding debriefing sessions in regions, with the Health Directors, front line workers and Leadership.
  - FNHA gathered staff from across BC, approximately 500+ attended, focussed on importance of self care. Cultural Support Workers, George Jeffrey and Freddy Johnson, and FNHC Chair, FNHA Board Chair, CEO, HR VP were part of the speakers panel. Staff were provided a list of resources available to all.
  - The northern region held gathering of their front line staff to discuss the challenges and what may present itself to leadership and staff as a result of last weeks' announcement; and to share with leadership and staff the importance of their own self-care and provide examples of ways that they can take good care of their spirits as they provide the important support and work to their communities.
  - Other sessions are scheduled next week.
- 3) Six health and cultural supports deployed to Tk'emlups last weekend as requested by community.
- 4) Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) has moved operations from 8:00 to 5:00 (Monday to Friday) to 24/7 effective June 4<sup>th</sup>.



- 5) The IRS/MMIWG/IDS health and cultural workers have started to provide in person health and cultural supports. Many requests received from communities across BC for in person support. Virtual support continues to be provided.
- 6) The two toll free lines (KU-US and IRSSS) are receiving calls from across the country. Quite a few of the calls are from non-indigenous persons, young people and many survivors that are being re-triggered from the findings of the 215 children buried in mass graves.
- 7) Approximately 300 people gathered at Fraser Lake to remember the 215 children. Health and cultural supports deployed to support the participants.
- 8) FNHB is working on expediting the prior approvals for the counselling support to deal with triggers and crisis from the Tk'emlups.
- 9) The Mental Health and Wellness Manager from Interior Region who is also a member of Tk'emlups met with Brenda Restoule and Virginia Toulouse from the FNHA last Friday. The need for debriefing, more Indigenous clinicians and a road map for mental health and wellness were identified. Follow-up call with Brenda requested, and the FNHA is looking to arrange this for next week.

**Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:57 PM  
**To:** Gascho, Laurel (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Hayes, Adam (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC); Castonguay, Julien (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** DM to TBS - MW and Unmarked Burials.docx  
**Attachments:** DM to TBS - MW and Unmarked Burials.docx

If there's a chance for further revision now that it's gone to the SADM, I flagged in the attached one section that perhaps could be refined to bolster our position.

**From:** Gascho, Laurel (AADNC/AANDC) <laurel.gascho@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** 2021-06-01 3:45 PM  
**To:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>; Hayes, Adam (SAC/ISC) <adam.hayes@canada.ca>; Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>; Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC) <evan.adams@canada.ca>; Castonguay, Julien (SAC/ISC) <julien.castonguay@canada.ca>; Hayward, Tara Jane (SAC/ISC) <tarajane.hayward@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

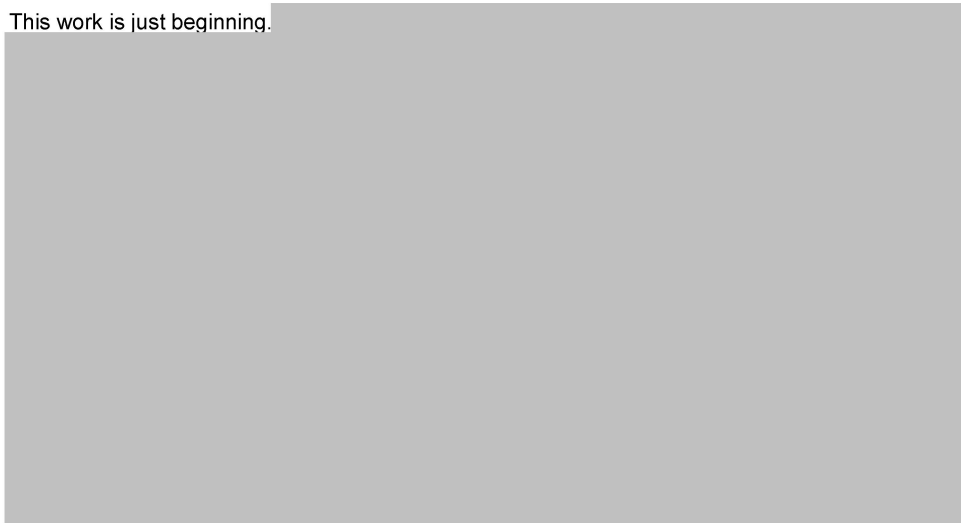
## **Mental Wellness: Missing Children and Unmarked Burials**

Dear Peter Wallace:

I am writing to you today to bring urgent attention to the critical need to expand access to emotional, cultural and mental health counselling support services which has arisen from the issue of missing children and unmarked burials. The news this past weekend about the gut wrenching discovery of 215 buried children in Kamloops is a stark reminder that Canada's legacy with Indian Residential Schools is beginning a new chapter.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission estimated that approximately 6,000 children died or went missing while attending residential schools, and were often buried in cemeteries or grave sites associated with the residential schools, local churches, or nearby municipal cemeteries far from their home. The communities and families of these children were not informed of burial locations resulting in few sites being properly protected. Many of these sites are no longer marked, have been significantly disturbed or neglected, or have changed ownership through subsequent land transfers. **Not Processed as Possible Cabinet Confidences**

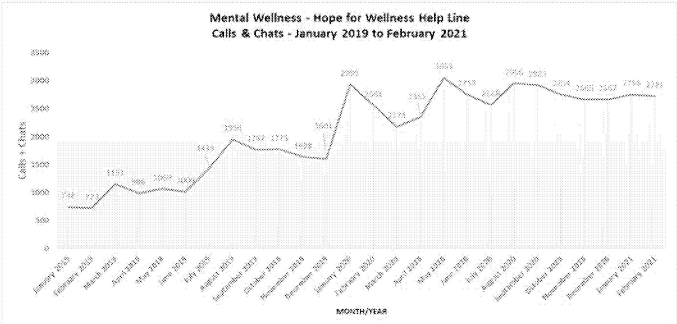
This work is just beginning.



Commented [JB1]:



It is critically important that we ensure that mental wellness support services are accessible throughout this process. Recent events are cumulative and affecting a population that has already been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Between January 2019 and April 2021, there has been a 297% increase in the monthly call traffic to the Hope for Wellness Help Line. Anecdotally, we have heard that callers have tripled over the past week and our workforce, who are already overextended, is having difficulty keeping up with volume.



In addition, use of our Non-Insured Health Benefit mental health counselling benefit grew in 2020-21 by about 34% over the previous year (with expenditures rising to approximately \$73.6 million). Approximately 37% of these expenditures are through Contribution Agreements, which enables communities themselves to manage these benefits. Roughly 6,000 clients access fee-for-service mental health counselling benefits each month.

Indigenous Services Canada's Mental Wellness program includes approximately \$107 million for emotional, cultural and mental health support services for former Indian Residential School students and their families, former Indian Day School students and their families, and for those impacted by the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

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However, Budget 2021 subsequently announced only \$597.6 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, for a distinctions-based mental health and wellness strategy with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation.

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It will be critical to ensure that appropriate supports and resources are available at the regional- and local- levels to meet community and family needs. There is urgency to press ahead with work to identify unmarked burials and those buried within in light of the advancing age of

Survivors and Elders who can support this work. My department will work closely with our partners as well as with survivors, communities and others, to ensure that health supports are available for all of those who need them, throughout all phases of this work.

## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**From:** Brennan, Tina (SAC/ISC) on behalf of OPPH Action Requests / BSPSP Demandes Action (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 12:13 PM  
**To:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Sauve, Brett (SAC/ISC); Curran, Brittany (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** OPPH Action Requests / BSPSP Demandes Action (SAC/ISC); Mahmoud, Reem (SAC/ISC); Crowder, Cassandra (SAC/ISC); Young, Bryna (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** For approval (DG OPPH & DG SPPI) Minister Miller - Speech for First Nations Summit (DUE 2pm)  
**Attachments:** Minister Miller - Speech for First Nations Summit v2.docx  
**Categories:** IN RED BOOK FOR APPROVAL

Hello Dr. Wong,

Seeking your approval please.

Reviewed by Covid sec.

Thanks!  
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**From:** Crowder, Cassandra (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** 2021-05-31 10:29 AM  
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**Subject:** For approval(DG OPPH & DG SPPI) Minister Miller - Speech for First Nations Summit (DUE 2pm)

Good morning SPPI and OPPH

I am seeking DG approvals for the Minister Miller's speech for the First Nations Summit in BC. If I can please have DG approvals by 2pm today it would be appreciated.

We will also be sending the speech to Jordan's Principle.

Thank you  
Cassandra

Please see for your approval Minister Miller's remarks for the First Nations Summit. Thanks very much, Rob Boudreau

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Product: Minister Miller's remarks for First Nations Summit  
Issue: Addressing summit on a variety of BC and national indigenous issues  
Length requested by MINO: 800 words

Context:  
— Canada's COVID-19 response in First Nation communities

- Canada's response/actions relating to Racism experienced by Indigenous peoples
- Jordan's Principle eligibility criteria following 2020 CHRT

Deadline: June 1, 9am

Approved by: Dominique, BC Region

Next steps: Senior Director, FYI DG, MO

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**Speaking Remarks for**

**The Honourable Marc Miller  
Minister of Indigenous Services**

**for the  
First Nations Summit**

**June 9-10, 2021**

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**1244 words / 8 minutes**



Éy swayel [EE- SWAY-L], hello, bonjour.

I'm so pleased to join you today. Thank you for that kind introduction.

Elder (name), thank you for those words and for helping us begin this summit in a good way.

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Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge that I am on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people.

I owe great thanks to the First Nations Summit Political Executive for inviting me to join you today.

I'd also like to extend my greetings to all the First Nations and Tribal Councils in British Columbia, the Elders, all the Chiefs and leaders, and community members.

It has been a while since I have joined you at this Summit, and I am grateful to hear updates from your communities. I'd also like to take a moment to share my profound sadness on learning of the discovery of 215 children buried at the site of the the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. I spoke to Kukpi7 [Que Pee] Casimir last week to offer the full support of ISC as her community, surrounding communities – and all of us – honour and mourn the loss of these children.

Before I continue I also want to acknowledge and thank the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations as he concludes his final term. National Chief Perry Bellegarde, it has been a real honour to serve alongside you as we work on our shared goal of improving the health and wellbeing of First Nations, and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. You have been an extremely valued partner, an outspoken advocate for First Nations people, and I want to wish you all the best in the next chapter. Miigwetch.

As a department we've worked on providing your communities with the necessary resources and flexibility to respond to the most pressing needs during this pandemic.

Flexibility was top of mind when the Government of Canada created the Indigenous Community Support Fund (or ICSF) through its COVID-19 Economic Response Plan. Approximately \$1.1 billion in support has been announced through the ICSF.

Over \$110 million has been provided to First Nations in BC through a combination of direct allocations and needs-based funding. Additionally, approximately \$18.6M has been provided to BC urban organizations supporting off reserve members. In total \$265 Million in COVID supports was provided to First Nations and Indigenous organizations in BC last year.

On May 27, I was honoured to recognize important work done with ICSF funds by organizations in the Prince George area. The Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment and Training Association (PGNAETA) joined forces with the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, Prince George Native Friendship Centre, Central Interior Native Health Society and Carrier Sekani Family Services to support Elders, children and vulnerable community members. I thank them, and the many other organizations across Canada, who are working tirelessly to meet communities' needs during these exceptional times.

Last week, I was pleased to announce an additional \$760 million in funding through the ICSF. Like last time it will include a mix of direct allocations to communities and proposal based funding for organizations benefiting urban Indigenous populations.

I trust that these investments have assisted you and your nations to prevent, prepare and respond to COVID-19.

We know that Indigenous Peoples have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and in many cases the pandemic has brought light to other longstanding and existing challenges in our health care system—notably, the racism some people experience ~~to~~ when they reach out for care.

It is completely unacceptable that Indigenous people in BC are 75% more likely to end up in an emergency room because they don't have equal access to preventive and primary medical care – as we learned from last fall's report by Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond – and sadly, we know racism in the healthcare system is also not unique to BC.

I think of Joyce Echaquan, the 37-year-old woman from the Atikamekw community of Manawan, who died last year in a Quebec hospital, and I think of her last hours and moments.

It is just unacceptable. No one deserves to be treated like that. There's no question we need to accelerate progress on these matters. We heard similarly horrifying statistics and stories during the second national dialogue on anti-Indigenous racism in the healthcare system, which wrapped up in late January. The clear and consistent message is that the time for talk is over – we must move forward with actions.

My department is taking a lead role, working closely with several other government departments, including the Public Health Agency of Canada, whose reports have identified racism as a public health issue.

We view three strategies as being central to eliminating anti-Indigenous racism in health care: cultural safety, recognizing Indigenous knowledge and supporting Indigenous-led health services.

We have launched an engagement process for the co-development of distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation.

This national model will build on the example set by British Columbia's First Nation Health Authority, the first province-wide health authority of its kind in Canada.

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My department is committed to working with provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous partners and all those who work in health care to increase safety and respect for Indigenous Peoples.

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We have also heard the critical importance of recognizing knowledge of Indigenous practices and ways of being. This means greater representation of Indigenous Peoples in the health care field, anti-racism training for health care physicians and improvements to ensure cultural humility and safety.

I want you to know that your engagement—your views, ideas and perspectives—are not only welcome, but they are needed so we can make things better in the memory of Joyce Echaquan, and for everyone else who has experienced racism in a health care setting.

Before I close today, I'd also like to speak for a moment about Jordan's Principle as I know this is an important topic for all of us.

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The Government is committed to addressing longstanding, unmet needs of First Nations children, and working with partners to help First Nations children thrive.

The decision as to who qualifies as a First Nations child should be left to communities and communities alone to decide.

Canada is implementing changes to Jordan's Principle to expand the eligibility criteria to include children who are recognized by their nation for the purposes of Jordan's Principle. Children who are registered or eligible to be registered under the *Indian Act*, and children who are ordinarily resident on-reserve, continue to be eligible.

And I would encourage parents and guardians to continue to submit requests to Jordan's Principle to obtain products, services and supports to address the unmet health, social and educational needs of First Nations children in their care.

Canada is committed to working with partners to bring forth meaningful change for current and future generations of Indigenous children. Together, we will chart a path forward that advances reconciliation and builds a stronger future for Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous Canadians alike.

In closing, I'd like to thank the First Nations Summit Political Executive again for inviting me to join you today and I wish you a good summit.

Thank you. Huy ch q'u (heightch ah)

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**Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Crowder, Cassandra (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 6:13 PM  
**To:** OPPH Action Requests / BSPSP Demandes Action (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Mahmoud, Reem (SAC/ISC); Daly, Kim (SAC/ISC); Lewis, Philip (SAC/ISC); Bush, Katherine (AADNC/AANDC); Legris, Teena (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** For approval (OPPH DGo) speech - Minister Miller - AIAI AGA June 2021 (DUE June 1 9:00 AM)  
**Attachments:** 21-03-18\_ Indigenous VE engagement-FDraft.docx

Good evening

I am seeking OPPH DGO approval on the attached speech. If I can have approvals by 9 AM it would be appreciate

Approved by ON RE/RDG & Kim Daly.

**Speaking Notes for**

**The Honourable Marc Miller  
Minister of Indigenous Services**

**for the**

**52nd Annual General Assembly of the  
Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians**

**June 3, 2021**

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~~She~~~~Shé~~:kon (SAY-go). Hello and bonjour.

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<https://www.mozaik.global/mozaik/71>

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Thank you [INSERT NAME] for that kind introduction. To Chief Laurie Carr and ~~the~~ Hiawatha First Nation, thank you for hosting this gathering.

Before I begin, as I am joining you from Ottawa, I would like to acknowledge that I am on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. I also acknowledge everyone joining us today from various traditional territories.

~~I owe great thanks to the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians for welcoming me to your Annual General Assembly.~~  
Thank you Grand Chief Joel Abram, and Deputy Grand Chief Stacia Loft, and Youth Co-Chair Brooke Temple, it is my privilege to listen and learn from you for welcoming me to your Annual General Assembly. It is my privilege to listen and learn from you all.

I'd also like to extend my greetings to all the communities that are part of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians. And all of the members of your First Nations. Greetings to ~~you all~~everyone.

[SOLEMN PAUSE]

As we gather today, we cannot ignore the dark legacy of residential schools in Canada. On Friday, May 28, 2021, the buried remains of 215 innocent Indigenous children were discovered. I am deeply saddened by this devastating loss. Please know that Canada mourns with you, and all those directly and indirectly affected.

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The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established to facilitate reconciliation among former students, their families, their communities and all Canadians. Residential school survivors shared their experiences during public and private meetings – bringing to light the impacts that have been kept in the dark for so many years.

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This tragedy has undoubtedly caused the resurfacing of many dark and painful emotions for survivors, their families and

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communities. I want to reaffirm that Canada remains committed to supporting those affected through their healing journeys, and that the approaches taken moving forward are Indigenous-led, community-based, Survivor-centric and culturally sensitive.

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### COVID-19

As difficult as it is, I'd like to shift focus and I'd like to begin by congratulating all First Nation leaders, healthcare workers and communities who have taken part in the COVID-19 vaccination effort and played such crucial roles in recent months and weeks.

In Indigenous First Nations communities, 75% of the adult population has now had one dose. I'm encouraged to see the overall number of cases dropping as the vaccination rates increase.

We're doing much better now than at other points during this crisis and in order to keep this momentum, we must remain vigilant. We must get the vaccination rates for first doses even higher and get a second dose of our work must continue to ensure

second dose rates are equally high ~~vaccine to everyone who wants one.~~

Grand Chief Abram, you and the entire Association of Allied and Iroquois Indians have been extremely valued partners in these efforts.

I'm proud that Indigenous Services Canada has provided more than \$15.3 million to ~~the AIAI~~ and affiliated communities since March 2020 to respond to COVID-19. ~~Working together, there have been many success stories in communities. I commend~~ leadership for your innovative ideas to safeguard and meet the needs of your communities, reinforcing that the best solutions are those that are community-led.


As an example, in ~~the Oneida~~ Nation of the Thames ~~First Nation,~~ over \$1.1 million was approved from the Indigenous Community Support Fund helped the community to support establish perimeter security, provide food security, cleaning supplies, and medical supplies for their residents.

## Housing

And while the pandemic response efforts continue, we are still focused on our goal of making sure all Indigenous Peoples have safe, adequate and affordable housing—which for too many people, is out of reach.

With funding support from Indigenous Services Canada in the amount of \$948,600, Wahta Mohawks recently completed construction of three duplex units, adding much-needed housing for the community.

And I'd like to congratulate Chief Maracle and Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte for receiving a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification for the ISC-funded four-plex in Deseronto. This is a tremendous achievement.





Child welfare

I'd also like to speak for a few moments on child and family services reform, ~~as this is~~ an area where Grand Chief Abram has shown leadership, dedication and vision.

For many years, Grand Chief Abram has led the way for reform of First Nations child and family services, both as the Chair of Ontario's Chiefs Committee on Social Services, and at the multi-party Technical Table on Child and Family Well-Being, where ISC is also a participant.

Canada fully supports First Nations as you actualize your vision for child and family services in a way that reflects the unique needs of children, youth, and families.



This year, \$39 million in funding is available to Ontario First Nations: \$15.9 million in Community-Based Prevention funding; and \$23.1 million in Community Well-Being and Jurisdiction Initiative funding. This is being provided directly to 133 First Nations in Ontario for their unique needs and priorities.

Equally as important is a child's education. We know that every child growing up in Canada no matter where they live deserves a high-quality education, which is the foundation for success. Investing in education is an important part of the government's plan to build long-term economic resilience. That is why in Budget 2021 we proposed an investment of \$1.2 billion over five years, and \$181.8 million annually thereafter.

Canada will continue to support the needs of First Nations students on reserve by enhancing funding formulas ensuring that funding for First Nations schools remains predictable from year to year with approaches that are most suitable for your communities.

**Safe drinking water**

Before I close, there is another important topic I want to touch on today—safe drinking water.

As you know in March, the long-term drinking water advisory ~~on~~ affecting the Administration Building in Wahta Mohawks was lifted. ISC provided funding to support the installation of a new water treatment system to serve this facility and we continue to work together on a community-wide solution for sustainable access to clean water.

We are also working together with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte on a multi-phased approach to expand water service to the community and to end the five long-term drinking water advisories in effect. Construction is currently underway for Phase 3 is currently underway and to extend the water distribution system which builds on work from phases 1, 2 and the Deseronto Project for a combined total departmental investment of approximately \$58.6 million.

We have lifted 107 long-term drinking water advisories since November 2015 and I assure you we will continue working with

First Nations to ensure everyone in Canada has access to safe, clean drinking water.

Again, I want to thank ~~the you~~ Grand Chief Abram, Deputy Chief Loft and everyone at the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians for giving me the opportunity to say a few words at your General Assembly.

I truly value our partnership and I'm honoured to be here today.

~~Thank you.~~ Miigwetch, Aniisheik. (ah-nee-she-ik) Nia:wen. (niow wah) Yaw^'ko. (yow-go) Thank you. Merci.

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Potawatomi - Caldwell

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## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 9:26 AM  
**To:** Doidge, Scott (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC); Andrews, Jocelyn (SAC/ISC); Roache, Cindy (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC); Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** FW: IRS support proposal  
**Attachments:** 2021-06-09\_Signed Copy\_Proposal for IRS Support Workers\_VCDP.pdf

Hi folks – Just on a bilat with Scott and I understand that you are all meeting this morning to discuss coordination of the original FSIN proposal (which included \$500K or so for mental wellness supports). We'll have to figure out how this new proposal fits into this (is it much of the same) and what CIRNA is doing at their end as-well to have a coordinated approach from a federal perspective.

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>; Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>; Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>; Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC) <keith.conn@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Andrews, Jocelyn (SAC/ISC) <jocelyn.andrews@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: IRS support proposal

Sharing with you also

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**From:** Jeannie Pewapisconias <[Jeannie.Pewapisconias@fsin.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:Jeannie.Pewapisconias@fsin.onmicrosoft.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:26 PM  
**To:** Andrews, Jocelyn (SAC/ISC) <[jocelyn.andrews@canada.ca](mailto:jocelyn.andrews@canada.ca)>; [carolyn.bennett@parl.gc.ca](mailto:carolyn.bennett@parl.gc.ca); [Marc.Miller@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Marc.Miller@parl.gc.ca); Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
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**Subject:** FW: IRS support proposal

Good afternoon:

Please find attached an IRS proposal for your review. This is in the area of IRS and the supports needed by survivors and family members who are currently being affected with the story of the Kamloops IRS.

If you have any questions, please do hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Jeannie Pewapisconias*  
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## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**From:** Les sous-ministres, The Deputy Ministers (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 30, 2021 4:55 PM  
**To:** Les sous-ministres, The Deputy Ministers (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** Mise à jour importante - Pensionnat de Kamloops / Important Update - Kamloops Residential School

Chers collègues,

Suite à notre message vendredi (voir ci-dessous), voici une mise à jour importante que nous tenions à partager avec vous.

Les drapeaux sur la Tour de la Paix à Ottawa et sur tous les édifices et établissements du gouvernement du Canada partout au pays flotteront en berne, et ce jusqu'à nouvel ordre, pour souligner la terrible découverte au pensionnat de Kamloops de 215 corps d'enfants et aussi en mémoire des milliers d'enfants qui ont été envoyés dans des pensionnats, de ceux qui n'en sont jamais revenus et en l'honneur des familles dont la vie a été changée à jamais.

Si jamais vous sentez le besoin de parler à quelqu'un, ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui en aurait besoin, il existe différentes ressources, dont la [ligne téléphonique d'aide aux employés](#), au 1-800-268-7708 (pour malentendants - ATS au 1-800-567-5803). Une ligne d'écoute téléphonique de [Résolution des questions de pensionnats indiens](#) offre du soutien aux anciens élèves des pensionnats. Jour et nuit, vous pouvez accéder à des services de soutien affectif et d'aiguillage en situation de crise en composant le 1-866-925-4419. Les employés autochtones peuvent aussi rejoindre la ligne d'écoute d'espoir pour le mieux-être au 1-855-242-3310 ou clavarder en ligne sur leur site (pour accéder à leur site Web, veuillez copier et coller l'hyperlien suivant dans votre navigateur Web : <https://www.espoirpourelmieuxetre.ca/>).

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Dear colleagues,

Following our message on Friday (see below), here is an important update that we wanted to share with you.

Flags on the Peace Tower in Ottawa and on all Government of Canada buildings and establishments across the country will be flown at half-mast, and until further notice, to mark the terrible discovery at the Kamloops residential school of the bodies of 215 children and also in memory of the thousands of children who were sent to residential schools, of those who never returned, and in honour of the families whose lives were forever changed.

If you ever feel the need to talk to someone, or know someone who does, there are different resources available, including the [Employee Assistance Program](#), which you can reach by calling 1-800-268-7708 (or TTY for people with hearing impairments at 1-800-567-5803). A [National Indian Residential School Crisis Line](#) has been set up to provide support to former residential school students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-Hour National Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419. Indigenous employees can also access the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310, or connect to the online chat through their website (to access the web site, please copy and paste the following link in your browser: <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/>).

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**From:** Les sous-ministres, The Deputy Ministers (AADNC/AANDC)

**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 5:59 PM

**Subject:** Pensionnat de Kamloops / Kamloops Residential School

([English follows](#))

*Ce message traite de sujets susceptibles de provoquer des traumatismes évoqués par des souvenirs d'abus passés. Nous reconnaissons que certains employés peuvent ne pas vouloir continuer à lire pour minimiser le risque associé au déclenchement de ces traumatismes.*

Chers collègues,

C'est avec beaucoup de tristesse que nous avons appris la découverte de 215 corps d'enfants sur le site d'un ancien pensionnat à Kamloops, en Colombie-Britannique.

Nos pensées vont aujourd'hui vers la Première Nation Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, ainsi que toutes les personnes touchées directement ou indirectement par cette découverte macabre et par l'héritage du système des pensionnats.

Cela nous rappelle un chapitre très sombre de notre histoire. Mais nous devons continuer à travailler avec les survivants et les familles des victimes afin de rebâtir une relation basée sur la reconnaissance de leurs droits, le respect, la collaboration et la confiance. Nos ministères se sont adressés à des partenaires, comme l'Autorité sanitaire des Premières Nations, pour offrir toute l'aide qu'ils peuvent fournir.

Cette affaire est loin d'être qu'un événement purement historique. Plusieurs de ces enfants enterrés ont possiblement des parents, des frères ou sœurs, des nièces, des neveux et d'autres membres de leurs familles qui sont toujours vivants aujourd'hui et qui se demanderont si leurs êtres chers sont parmi ceux et celles qui ont été trouvés. Plusieurs des aspects de ces événements continueront d'être traumatisants, loin dans le futur.

Si vous avez besoin de soutien psychologique, ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui en aurait besoin, différentes ressources sont offertes, dont la [ligne téléphonique d'aide aux employés](#), au 1-800-268-7708 (pour malentendants - ATS au 1-800-567-5803). Une ligne d'écoute téléphonique de [Résolution des questions de pensionnats indiens](#) offre du soutien aux anciens élèves des pensionnats. Jour et nuit, vous pouvez accéder à des services de soutien affectif et d'aiguillage en situation de crise en composant le 1-866-925-4419. Les employés autochtones peuvent aussi rejoindre la ligne d'écoute d'espoir pour le mieux-être au 1-855-242-3310 ou clavarder en ligne sur leur site (pour accéder à leur site Web, veuillez copier et coller l'hyperlien suivant dans votre navigateur Web : <https://www.espoirpourlemieuxetre.ca/>).

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*This email deals with topics that may cause trauma invoked by memories of past abuse. We recognize that some employees may not want to read on to minimize the risk associated with triggering.*

Dear colleagues,



It was with great sadness that we learned of the discovery of 215 children's bodies at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Our thoughts today are with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all those directly and indirectly affected by this unsettling discovery and by the legacy of the residential school system.

This reminds us of a very dark chapter in our history, but we must continue to work with survivors and the families of those lost to rebuild a relationship based on recognition of their rights, respect, collaboration and trust. Our departments have reached out to partners, such as the First Nations Health Authority, to offer any assistance they can.

This is of course much more than a historical issue. Many of those 215 buried children may have parents, siblings, nieces, nephews and other family members still living today who may have no knowledge of what happened to their loved ones and who will be asking themselves if they are among those who have been discovered. Many aspects of these traumatic events remain very real today and will continue to do so well into the future.

If you need support—or know someone who does—different resources are available to you through the [Employee Assistance Program](#), which you can reach by calling 1-800-268-7708 (or TTY for people with hearing impairments at 1-800-567-5803). A [National Indian Residential School Crisis Line](#) has been set up to provide support to former residential school students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-Hour National Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419. Indigenous employees can also access the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310, or connect to the online chat through their website (to access the web site, please copy and paste the following link in your browser: <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/>).

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***Speaking notes***

***for***

***The Honourable Marc Miller  
Minister of Indigenous Services***

***for a***

***COVID-19 News Conference***

***Ottawa, ON***

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Kwe Kwe, Tansi, Unnusakkut, Good morning, Bonjour.

I would like to acknowledge that I am on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people.

I want to take a moment to share my grief and sadness about the news last week of the discovery of 215 children buried at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. I had the opportunity to speak with Kukpi7 Casimir, to offer her the full support of our department. Her community, surrounding communities and all of us honour and mourn the loss of these innocent children.

Now, on to other matters.

~~Today~~ I'll start by giving you an overview of the numbers for vaccinations. As of May 26~~XX~~, we are aware of 687~~XX~~ Indigenous communities with vaccinations underway. A total of 484,560~~XX~~ doses have been administered, from that 167,818~~XX~~ are second doses. The number of vaccinations is steadily increasing, which shows that the hard work of so many across the country is paying off.

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As far as the number of cases, as of ~~XX~~May 27, in First Nations communities on reserve, we're aware of ~~688~~X active cases, ~~which thankfully is a decrease from last week.~~ This brings us to a total of ~~29,445~~XX confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. There are ~~27,656~~XX recovered cases and tragically, ~~336~~XX deaths.

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We know that this pandemic has had a devastating impact on Indigenous Peoples across the country. And that is why our government is reopening the Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF).

As part of Budget 2021, we proposed an additional \$760.8 million in funding for the program. Throughout these difficult days, Indigenous leaders in communities and cities have worked tirelessly to keep First Nations, Inuit and Métis people safe and secure.

This funding will give leaders and organizations the flexibility to develop and implement solutions that protect the health, safety and well-being of Indigenous Peoples. Examples of ways that communities have used the funding in the past include promoting food security, improving mental health services and distributing emergency equipment.

And very pleased that the program has reopened, because I know the money will be well spent and have a positive impact. I invite interested parties to learn more about the program and to apply.

Now let's turn to a look at what's going on across Canada.

In British Columbia, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced that they have reduced the wait time between vaccinations to eight weeks. All BC residents will be able to get their vaccination by the end of the summer, which is great news.

And the province is working with the First Nations Health Authority to get the second dose of vaccines to remote and Indigenous communities. They will be using a similar system as they used for the first dose a "whole of community" approach, visiting

community by community to ~~offer~~administer the vaccine to eligible residents.

In Ontario, there's good progress, health officials have also shortened the waiting time between first and second doses. This is accelerating the anticipated pace of the vaccine rollout. And this past Monday, teams began to visit 31 fly-in First Nations communities, offering vaccines to youth.

In Manitoba, the province continues to deal with a difficult situation. Health authorities are working to control the third wave. Indigenous communities are showing great leadership, with Cross Lake Norway House and Island Lake all [REDACTED] vaccination rates for the first dose among adults.

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In Alberta, a vaccination clinic led by the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has been a great success. The pop-up clinic at MacDonald Island Park was especially effective in reaching communities that may have been hesitant about receiving a vaccine.

Reagan Bartell, who is the health director for the MNA, said that some Métis people told her they decided to get vaccinated after they found out the clinic was run by an Indigenous organization. The clinic will be traveling across the province for the summer.

Finally, last week, the governments of Nova Scotia as well as New Brunswick opened up the eligibility for vaccines to those 12 and older.

Overall, case counts are going down and vaccinations are increasing. This is tremendous news. But as we have seen in recent weeks, flare-ups can happen unexpectedly.

That is why it is so critical, so very important, to not let up until we get the job done and get that second dose of vaccine to those who need it. It's been a marathon and we can see the finish line in the near distance. But we can't stop until we've made it the whole way.

I'm very proud to have had the opportunity to work along with Indigenous leaders as well as healthcare officials, responding to

this enormous challenge. It's been an honour to play a small role in helping to protect Indigenous communities.

As always, I remind everyone to please keep on following the advice of healthcare experts. Please limit contact with people outside of your immediate family. When you're out in public, it's essential to wear a mask. And don't forget to wash your hands frequently.

Meegwetch. Nakummek. Marci. Thank you. Merci.



## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:55 PM  
**To:** Gascho, Laurel (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC); Hayes, Adam (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC); Castonguay, Julien (SAC/ISC); Hayward, Tara Jane (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops


Great work all! Very well done, especially considering the time we had to pull this together. Much appreciated. I've forwarded it on to the Deputy.

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**From:** Gascho, Laurel (AADNC/AANDC) <laurel.gascho@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Hi Patrick – some background and attached is the proposed message for the Deputy to send to TBS.

### Background



(\$ in millions)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	TOTAL
Trauma-informed health supports and crisis lines	\$106.7	\$112.7	\$112.7	\$332.1
Distinctions-based mental wellness strategy	\$88.5	\$88.5	\$88.5	\$265.5
<b>Mental Wellness</b>	<b>\$195.2</b>	<b>\$201.2</b>	<b>\$201.2</b>	<b>\$597.6</b>

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CIRNAC Initiative on TRC 74-76 on Missing Children and Unmarked Graves

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LED Contaminated Sites (provided by LED)

- The LED contaminated sites team is working with regions to identify past, ongoing and planned contaminated sites projects associated with residential school grounds. The Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement has identified 139 residential schools, although this does not represent the full number of residential schools that operated in Canada.
- Many of the residential schools are located on reserve land and Canada is responsible for the environmental management of these lands. The contaminated sites teams across Canada work in partnership with Indigenous leadership on projects on reserve, and ISC endeavors to work with respect and sensitivity on projects in areas of former residential schools.
- In the past, Nations have identified areas to avoid due to the potential for encountering remains. Also, if areas planned for investigation or remediation have the potential for encountering archaeological artifacts, ISC has funded an archaeological monitor, preferably a trained Indigenous employee.
- All planned intrusive works on reserves which formerly housed residential schools will be put on hold pending additional engagement and planning with communities. Although application of geophysics was successful in identifying remains at Kamloops IR, ISC recognized that this technique may not be effective at every location and may not be the approach of choice of every affected community.

Proposed draft email

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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Thanks Genie – I just got off the phone with the team....we should be able to get you something in the next hour and a half or so.

Kelley – I'll flip them this email with the info below.....but if your folks need to connect, Laurel Gascho is holding the pen at our end.

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**Subject:** FW: Kamloops


Kelley,

Patrick, Keith and the FNIHB team are pulling together the information on mental health supports and budget to respond to the DM's request, but can you kindly work with them to include the information below and any information on the contaminated sites projects? They were added to the chain later and missed your response which is why I'm sending this.

Thank you!

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**From:** Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops





Happy to follow up if need be.

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**Subject:** Kamloops

Hi,



Christiane Fox (she/her/elle)  
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Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada  
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## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**Cc:** Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC); Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Anderson2, Ashley (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Thanks Kelley how many contaminated sites have we identified in total?

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 6:40 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Hi everyone,

Attached is the draft LED information note on contaminated sites for your information.

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That would work better for me

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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

We have a call with CIRNA at 6, so if there's any way to start 15 minutes earlier, that would be great – thank you!

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC) <[anne.wielinga@canada.ca](mailto:anne.wielinga@canada.ca)> **On Behalf Of** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
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**Cc:** Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC); Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** Kamloops  
**When:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:30 PM-6:15 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** conference call - Please do not forward the invitation-

Sorry for organizing this call so late but I believe most of you are at the PMA EX discussions until 5pm.  
I wanted to give you a bit of a breather but if you prefer, we could have this call at 5 or 5:15pm.....

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## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**From:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 11:39 PM  
**To:** Leung, Helen (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Castonguay, Julien (SAC/ISC); Eke, Darren (SAC/ISC); Hayward, Tara Jane (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** Re: Tk'emlups First Nations

Thanks Helen for letting us know that [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2021, at 11:17 PM, Leung, Helen (SAC/ISC) <helen.leung@canada.ca> wrote:

Hi all –

Julien is correct that because the FNHA has assumed control over the full suite of mental wellness programming, the FNHA would normally provide the supports needed themselves (with the exception of JP). If the supports needed are beyond what the FNHA can handle, then the Framework Agreement contained the provision below.

### 8.2 Unforeseen circumstances

(1) In the event of an unforeseen circumstance of a health emergency or natural disaster which would have a significant capacity or financial impact on the FNHA, Canada and British Columbia shall, with the FNHA, jointly assess the impact and required measures to address the situation. Any agreement to provide new funding or other assistance to the FNHA will be made by the Parties in writing.

Important to note that the model is based on tripartite discussion and collaborative action. The model is also based on better integration and coordination of services with the province so on the reference to surge capacity, my advice would be to encourage a tripartite discussion to see whether those surge supports can be provided by the province. Of note is that BC has both a Ministry of Health and a Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. FNIHB has also vacated the direct program and service delivery space in BC (again with the exception of JP) so re-entering it would run counter to the model.

[REDACTED]

Completely agree with Dr. Wong on coordinating messaging.

Helen

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: TK'emplups First Nations

Very helpful – thanks.

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**Subject:** RE: TK'emplups First Nations

Hi Patrick,

Looking to Dr. Wong and Helen to confirm but since the FNHA is responsible for our full suite of MW programs including NIHB, we remain available to support the FNHA as needed should they require surge capacity to deliver services within their mandate.

Yes, Jordan's Principle group request can be submitted by the community to seek additional funding to meet the unmet needs of children and youth under the age of majority and fill service gaps. Families can also submit individual requests to meet unmet health, social or education needs. We can also engage with other federal departments or national organizations as needed.

Hope this helps as an immediate response.

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**Subject:** RE: TK'emplups First Nations



Julien – maybe Jordan's Principle supports as-well for under 19?

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
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**Subject:** FW: Tk'emlups First Nations  
**Importance:** High

Dr. Wong and Helen – pls see below.

Please advise.

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**Subject:** RE: Tk'emlups First Nations

Checking with the team (ie. IRS Resolution Health Support Program maybe, and mental health supports). Also going to loop in our Health Transformation folks.

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
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**Subject:** FW: Tk'emlups First Nations

Hi,

Can I get advice on what supports we can offer? I have provided a heads up to DM Q-W, PCO and the Minister.

Thanks. Chris

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**From:** Richard Jock <[Richard.Jock@fnha.ca](mailto:Richard.Jock@fnha.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 6:43 PM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Tk'emlups First Nations

FYI, this will be a major issue

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**From:** Richard Jock <[Richard.Jock@fnha.ca](mailto:Richard.Jock@fnha.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:07 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Tk'emlups First Nations

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out to you today with some sorrowful news coming from Tk'emlups First Nations in the Interior Region. The community recently completed a search for bodies surrounding Kamloops Indian Residential School. They discovered 215 bodies. The community is releasing this information at 5pm today.

Immediate supports for Tk'emlups have been secured through the regional team and members have been made aware of additional supports available through KUU-US Crisis Line, Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum Society and the Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society.

Discoveries like this have the potential to trigger First Nations people across the province. We look to our partnerships to ensure that appropriate supports are available in the event that communities require them.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to discuss potential impacts.

In Health and Wellness,  
Richard

Richard Jock,  
Chief Executive Officer



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## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT APPROVAL - Min. Speech-residential schools & mental health - emergency debate tonight  
**Attachments:** 2021-05-31 Speech for Minister Miller Emergency Debate Residential Schools Mental Health- OPPH Reviewed.docx

Many thanks, Dr. Wong.

It seems that our emails crossed in my response to Dr. Adams.

I've since reflected the changes you had made in a version that was edited by the Speech team to reduce the mentions of GoC investments/achievements.

Should there be no additional immediate concerns, I'll forward this version to ADMO for urgent sign off.

Many thanks in advance from your prompt responses on this urgent request.

### Phil Sparvier

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT APPROVAL - Min. Speech-residential schools & mental health - emergency debate tonight

Jamie and Phil.

Here are my suggestions (see track changes). Jamie, please verify the stats in the following line:


“For example, since the Hope for Wellness Help Line began in October 2016, it has received 58,939 calls and 9,502 chats....”

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**From:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** 2021-05-31 5:11 PM  
**To:** Sparvier, Philipp (AADNC/AANDC)  
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**Subject:** Re: URGENT APPROVAL - Min. Speech-residential schools & mental health - emergency debate tonight

I just provided the following input:



Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$597.6M over three years to continue funding health supports for former Indian Residential School students and their families, and to support ongoing and emerging community needs.“

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2021, at 5:01 PM, Sparvier, Philipp (AADNC/AANDC) <[philipp.sparvier@canada.ca](mailto:philipp.sparvier@canada.ca)> wrote:

Hello,

Please find attached an urgent speech for OPPH approval related tonight's emergency debate.

**Please provide any comments before 6pm** as I'll be sending to ADMO for approval at that time; the Minister's office has asked for this by 7pm.

Note that I was not able to get input from Jamie Bryan, who has now been FYId on this.

Apologies for the short notice and tight turnaround,

**Phil Sparvier**

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**Subject:** RE: HEADS UP- URGENT APPROVAL COMING- Min. Speech- Kamloops residential school - emergency debate tonight

Hi Philipp,

Thank you for the heads-up, please ensure to include Dr. Wong and Dr. Adams on any urgent approvals needed after hours (after 5pm).

Thank you!  
Tina

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**From:** Sparvier, Philipp (AADNC/AANDC)

**Sent:** 2021-05-31 4:28 PM

**To:** OPPH Action Requests / BSPSP Demandes Action (SAC/ISC)

**Cc:** Cousineau2, Julie (AADNC/AANDC)

**Subject:** HEADS UP- URGENT APPROVAL COMING- Min. Speech- Kamloops residential school - emergency debate tonight

**Importance:** High

Please be advised that an urgent speech is coming for approval, which the **Minister has asked for by 7pm.**

The speech is currently with mental wellness director, and I will be sending to your office for approval at 5pm or earlier, depending on the response from Jamie Bryan.

I will need to move this to ADMO latest by 6pm in order to get to MO before 7.

Thanks,

**Phil Sparvier**

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Speech for

**The Honourable Marc Miller**

**Minister of Indigenous Services**

on

**Mental Health and Wellness Supports  
Available to Indigenous Peoples**

for the emergency debate in the House of Commons

May 31, 2021

Check on delivery

985 words / 8 minutes + Minister anecdote/reflections

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this weekend—like many Canadians—I watched the powerful images of a country in mourning.

215 pairs of tiny shoes left on the steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery and at the Forks in Winnipeg. At the entrances of churches in Kahnawake, Eskasoni, and everywhere in between. Sacred fires burning in honour of all those who were lost.

Beautiful and devastating tributes to children who never went home to the families they were stolen from... and who will never be forgotten by their relatives and communities.

I would like to thank everyone who contacted me over the past few days to share their stories, which were deeply personal, painful and haunting.

I am heartbroken for you: the Survivors, families and communities who are on your healing journeys.

Many of you shared with me that you were on path to mental wellness and you are now being re-traumatized, reliving the experiences you have tried so hard to move on from.

Can Minister Miller please add an anonymous anecdote here of someone who reached out to him over the past few days that had a profound impact on him personally?

I am thinking about the children and families who have suffered intergenerational trauma and are now facing a huge setback in their own healing.

The Government of Canada is grieving with you—I am grieving with you. We are profoundly saddened by this discovery and our thoughts are with Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, as well as with all Indigenous communities across Canada.

To all the Survivors, I invite and urge you to call the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line. This line has been set up to provide emotional and crisis referral services to former residential school students. It's available 24 hours a day at 1-866-925-4419.



And all Indigenous Peoples can access the Hope for Wellness Help Line. You can chat with a counsellor on their website, at triple-w dot Hope for Wellness dot ca, or by phoning 1-855-242-3310.

To my colleagues in the federal government who are First Nations, Inuit and Métis, the Employee Assistance Program is also available.

The Government of Canada recognizes the scope and seriousness of the health and mental health challenges facing First Nations and Inuit, including the tragic loss of life through suicide.

Our Government is here to support. As an example, the Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program will continue to be available until 2024.

The program provides access to mental health counselling and emotional and cultural support services to former students of Indian Residential Schools and their family members.

The program offers access to Elders, traditional healers, and other community-based cultural supports. It also offers emotional supports, professional mental health counselling, and help with the cost of transportation to access services. These services are available to eligible individuals regardless of their Indigenous status or where they live.

We recognize there will be an ongoing need for access to mental wellness supports and services relating to childhood and intergenerational trauma and we will continue to work with partners and communities.

Former students of Indian Residential Schools and their family members can also count on the support of over 603 multi-disciplinary mental wellness community-led teams that provide

culturally safe and competent mental health services and clinical supports to 344 First Nations and Inuit communities.

There is also a network of 45 substance use treatment centres, as well as services in ~~the majority of~~ First Nations and Inuit communities, to help reduce and prevent problematic drug and alcohol use.

And in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada is providing additional support so Indigenous communities can adapt and expand mental wellness services.

We recently proposed to provide \$597.6M over three years for a distinctions-based mental health and wellness strategy with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation that include continuing supports for former residential school students and their families. This will build on existing strengths, help address gaps and be responsive to current, emerging and future needs.

All of these efforts are part of our work to fully implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.

These initiatives are making a difference in Indigenous communities.

For example, since the Hope for Wellness Help Line began in October 2016, it has received 58,939 calls and 9,502 chats. Each of these contacts meant that someone wasn't alone with their negative thoughts and worries.

But we recognize we still have much work to do on our shared journey toward healing. And much of that work rests with each of us—as individuals.

Every Canadian is responsible to learn about—and understand—this darkest chapter in our country's history.

I encourage all Canadians to read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Final Report and its Calls to Action. Please talk to your children about the Residential Schools.

Help them understand what happened, and the lasting effects it has today.

And please understand that many Indigenous People are traumatized and grieving right now. While this may not be the right time to ask them questions about their perspectives and personal experiences, there are a lot of excellent resources available online to help you inform yourself—starting with the TRC Report.

Now, more than ever, we need to support our friends and coworkers who are First Nations, Inuit and Métis, many of whom are being re-traumatized by the news cycle, and facing a setback in their personal healing.

If you are struggling right now, please know you are not alone.

Please reach out and talk to someone—the 24/7 National Indian Residential School Crisis Line, Hope for Wellness, or an Elder, family member or friend.

Thank you.

## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
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**Subject:** RE: URGENT \_DM Question: progress report stemming from NDP Opp Day motion

Terry – further to our discussion on this, the following is material that Jamie sent me the other week that outlines our various health supports (that may be appropriate to highlight as-well for the purpose of the response)....Jamie and Dr. Wong could advise.

- FNIHB has been involved in supporting access to mental wellness services since the 1970s, beginning with substance use treatment
- Our investment has gradually expanded over subsequent decades as new issues of concern have arisen.
- The majority of funding and funding decisions reside with communities and partners.

### Mental Wellness Program

- Approximate annual investment of \$450M – only ~\$10M resides in national office; the remainder flows to communities through regions and regional partnership/governance tables.
- Much of this funding goes to communities to use to respond to their unique needs and priorities.

We do support a number of things that can be leveraged when responding to crisis:

- We fund 63 local multidisciplinary mental wellness teams (that cover 344 communities across Canada)
  - We fund a network of 45 treatment centres across the country, including adult, youth, and family treatment models
  - We fund wraparound services at 68 opioid agonist therapy sites
  - We fund 135 organizations that employ over 500 cultural and emotional support workers located in communities (responding to Indian Residential School, Indian Day School, and MMIWG needs)
  - We have a list (same list as NIHB) of social workers and psychologist (100s per region) who operate on a fee-for-service basis (responding to Indian Residential School, Indian Day School, and MMIWG needs).
  - Medical Transportation funding to fly clients out of community to see registered providers, or to fly registered providers into community to see clients
  - We have the Hope for Wellness Help Line, 24/7 in English and French and upon request in Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut.
- ISC's Mental Wellness Program has permanent and ongoing funding.
  - Since 2016, significant funding has been announced:
    - 2016 Interim Measures - \$69M over three years for community-based mental wellness teams, implementing the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy, and the Hope for Wellness Help Line
    - B2017 - \$118M over five years and ongoing to support the Youth Hope Fund and to continue Interim Measures
    - B2017 - \$15M over five years and ongoing to support harm reduction measures as part of the Canada Drugs and Substances Strategy
    - B2018 - \$200M over five years and ongoing for substance use prevention and treatment initiatives, including additional wraparound services at OAT sites, on the land activities, and renovations at over 20 treatment centres.
    - B2018 - \$248M over three years to renew health support services for former students of Indian Residential Schools
    - 2018 - \$20M over three years for health supports for those affected by the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
    - B2019 - \$50M over 10 years and ongoing to support implementation of the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy
    - 2020 - \$82M to support mental wellness surge and adaptations in response to the COVID 19 pandemic
    - B2021 - \$597M to renew funding for survivors of Indian Residential Schools and Federal Indian Day Schools and their families, and those affected by the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and to response to other community needs and priorities.

## How have services changed in light of the pandemic?

- Communities and partners are reporting that demands for services have increased under the pandemic. Data from some regions have highlighted a devastating surge in opioids overdoses.
- ISC is working with regions and partners to respond to these new rising demands and needs.
- Communities and service providers have demonstrated incredible innovation and resilience to adapt and ensure that services continue to be available while respecting local pandemic health guidelines.
- Many services have become virtual, with communities indicating that new clients are being reached that had not previously accessed services.

## NIHB

- Has the Mental Health Counselling Benefit - social workers and psychologist (100s per region) who operate on a fee-for-service basis
- Medical Transportation funding to fly clients out of community to see registered providers, or to fly registered providers into community to see clients
- Has CA \$ for traditional healing, but it's only \$6M annually so access remains a major challenge

## Mental Health Benefits through the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB Approved Messaging)

- The Non-Insured Health Benefits Program provides registered First Nations and recognized Inuit ("eligible clients") with coverage for a range of medically necessary health benefits when these benefits are not otherwise covered through other public or private health insurance plans or social programs. Program benefits provided to eligible clients **include mental health counselling benefits** provided by a legislated regulated provider such as a Registered Psychologist or social worker.
- Coverage is provided for up to 22 hours of counselling on a fee-for-service basis (e.g. individual, family, or group counselling). To facilitate timely access to services and to allow for an assessment, the first 2 hours do not require prior approval.
- Non-Insured Health Benefit mental health counselling benefit expenditures were approximately \$73.6M in 2020/21, representing growth of about 34% over the previous year. Approximately 37% of these expenditures are through Contribution Agreements, enabling communities themselves to manage these benefits. About 6000 clients access fee-for-service MHC benefits each month.
- Indigenous Services Canada also provides several services along the drug misuse continuum. Through the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program, coverage is provided to registered First Nations and recognized Inuit for:
  - Methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone (i.e. Suboxone and generics), long-acting buprenorphine (Sublocade), buprenorphine implant (Probuphine), slow release morphine and injectable opioid agonist treatment (iOAT) for the treatment of opioid use disorder. To promote client safety, clients receiving these treatments are enrolled in the Client Safety Program.
  - Naloxone, used to treat overdoses, both Injection and nasal spray (Narcan);
  - Medical transportation benefits for clients to access supervised treatment for opioid use disorder (e.g. methadone, Suboxone). The client's ongoing need for travel is reviewed every six months
- In addition to coverage provided under the NIHB Program, in facilities where ISC provides primary care services in First Nations communities, naloxone injection is available for administration by health care professionals to reverse the effects of the overdose. There is also a limited supply of naloxone nasal spray (Narcan) in Nursing Stations that is available to community members at no charge. Injectable naloxone is listed in the Branch's Nursing Station Formulary as a "must stock" medication.

## If pressed re investments in MHC:

- Budget 2017 provided an additional \$86M over five years to expand the Non-Insured Health Benefit mental health counselling benefit to provide coverage of counselling beyond that required following a crisis, and to include, for the first time, the services of traditional healers to address mental health needs (the latter service is provided by community based organizations).
- Budget 2021 invested \$774.6 million over five years, beginning in 2021-22, to ensure continued high-quality care through the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, which supports First Nations and Inuit people with medically

necessary services not otherwise covered, such as mental health services, medical travel, medications, and more.

#### Jordan's Principle

- Mental Wellness remains on of the top expenses for both individual and group requests (Since April 1, 2018, Jordan's Principle has spent \$175.8M on Suicide Prevention, and \$358.3M on all Mental Wellness initiatives)
- Includes coverage for things outside of what NIHB or MWP cover (private specialized treatment)

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**Subject:** RE: URGENT\_DM Question: progress report stemming from NDP Opp Day motion

Thanks Terry – I think that although this is indeed very specific to the IRS health support program, we may want to also expand this answer to also include other MW supports that we offer through our various other programs, etc.

I'll call you in a minute.

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**Subject:** FW: URGENT\_DM Question: progress report stemming from NDP Opp Day motion

Hello,

Here is an update from the MW team:

*The Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program (IRS RHSP) was established as part of fulfilling the 2006 IRS Settlement Agreement, with the purpose of providing support services to former students of Indian Residential Schools and their families involved in the Settlement Agreement activities. The Program has been renewed several times, most recently for an additional three years in Budget 2021 with an annual investment of \$88M, and funding available until March 31, 2024. Eligible former students and their families have been able to access emotional, cultural, and mental health supports throughout all phases of the Settlement Agreement, regardless of place of residence. The Program provides access to community-based cultural and emotional health support services provided by over trained and culturally competent Indigenous*



*health workers, and access to mental health counselling provided by licensed and registered psychologists or social workers, as well as medical transportation to access these services.*

*Utilization rates are high, with over 120,000 individuals having over 700,000 emotional and cultural support interactions and nearly 13,000 individuals having over 88,000 mental health counselling sessions in 2018/19 (the last year with complete data).*

I think this responds to the motion in terms of IRS support. Let me know if you think further details would be needed from the program.

We have a meeting later today to discuss the legal question, as you know.

Thanks,

Terry

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 9:58 AM

**To:** Gibb, Timothea (AADNC/AANDC) <[timothea.gibb@canada.ca](mailto:timothea.gibb@canada.ca)>; Jeans2, Terry (SAC/ISC) <[terry.jeans2@canada.ca](mailto:terry.jeans2@canada.ca)>

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**Subject:** FW: DM Question: progress report stemming from NDP Opp Day motion

**Importance:** High

Good morning!

I just wanted to flag the DM's initial comments below in terms of what she would like the progress report to include for section (a). DM would like to ensure that the context includes recent comments from the PM and the Minister on what we are fighting and signaling our willingness to mediate. Hope this makes sense.

She has also asked for an update on item d that Terry is already working on.

Thanks!

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)

**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 8:12 PM

**To:** Jeans2, Terry (SAC/ISC) <[terry.jeans2@canada.ca](mailto:terry.jeans2@canada.ca)>

**Cc:** Eke, Darren (SAC/ISC) <[darren.eke@canada.ca](mailto:darren.eke@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** DM Question: progress report stemming from NDP Opp Day motion

**Importance:** High

Hi Terry,

Would it be possible for the DM to get an update on item (d) that is part of the progress report from the NDP Opp motion? Timothea flagged below that the response will likely come to us cob Thursday, but if there is anything you could share in advance it would be appreciated.

Thanks!

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 8:05 PM  
**To:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
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**Subject:** RE: UPDATE: progress report stemming from NDP Opp Day motion  
**Importance:** High

Thanks Genie. Can I get an update from FNIHB on (d)? I will note that the government chose to abstain and the PM and Minister have stated the clarification with respect to (a) so we should follow that closely.  
Merci.

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 7:44 PM  
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**Subject:** UPDATE: progress report stemming from NDP Opp Day motion

FYI – the House voted in favour of the NDP motion, and a progress report must be tabled by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

As detailed below, ISC's parts are (a) and (d) which are highlighted. CIRNA is responsible for (b) and (c)

MINO is looking to receive on Monday so LPRAD is working to get it to DMO COB Thursday.

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**From:** Gibb, Timothea (AADNC/AANDC)  
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**Subject:** progress report stemming from NDP Opp Day motion

Hi DMO colleagues,

The NDP Opp Day motion which was debated yesterday in the House contains a requirement for progress report on the four elements on the motion to be tabled within 10 days. We confirmed with a procedural clerk, who conferred with colleagues, and they all said the motion would be read as **calendar** days because it didn't specify sitting days. **Therefore if the motion is adopted on Monday, the deadline would be June 17** and, if not tabled, a question of privilege could be raised which, most likely, would be referred to committee to determine a course of action.

Of the motion, parts (a) and (d) are ISC's, and (b) and (c) are CIRNAC's. I have pasted the full text of the motion below as reference.

The vote on the motion will be on Monday and we are expecting the motion to pass, given statements made by members during debate. Therefore, we will be tasking sectors to develop content today. I am proposing we aim to get a draft for DM approval by Friday, June 11, then to MINOs by Tuesday, June 15 COB.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

June 1, 2021 — Mr. Julian (New Westminster—Burnaby) — That, given that,

- (i) the discovery of the grave of 215 children at Kamloops Indian Residential School has led to an outpouring of grief and anger across Canada,
- (ii) the vast majority of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action remain uncompleted, despite the clear path to justice and reconciliation that the Commission provides,
- (iii) survivors, families and nations are demanding concrete action to advance real reconciliation, as opposed to just more words and symbolic gestures,

the House call on the government to:

- (a) cease its belligerent and litigious approach to justice for Indigenous children by immediately dropping its appeal before the Federal Court in file numbers T-1621-19 (compensation) and T-1559-20 (Jordan's Principle for non-status First Nations kids recognized by their nations) and to recognize the government's legal obligation to fully comply with Canadian Human Rights Tribunal orders in this regard;
- (b) agree to sit down with the St. Anne's residential school survivors organization Peetabeck Keway Keykaywin Association to find a just solution to the fact that survivors' access to justice has been denied as a consequence of the actions of government lawyers in suppressing evidence at the Independent Assessment Process;
- (c) accelerate the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action, including by providing immediate funding for further investigation into the deaths and disappearances of children at residential schools in compliance with calls to action 71 to 76;
- (d) provide survivors, their families, and their communities with appropriate resources to assist with the emotional, physical, spiritual, mental, and cultural trauma resulting from residential schools; and
- (e) within 10 days, table a progress report on actions taken in compliance with paragraphs (a) through (d) of the present motion, and that this report be deemed to have been referred to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs for consideration upon tabling.

Timothea Gibb (she/her/elle)

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## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC); Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC); Castonguay, Julien (SAC/ISC); Jeans2, Terry (SAC/ISC); Eke, Darren (SAC/ISC); Mahmoud, Reem (SAC/ISC); Cookson-Hills, Molly (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** RE: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

Yes indeed – I did a little earlier already.

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:25 PM  
**To:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

Thanks very much. Patrick, I think it would be great if FNIHB ADMO could share this and the later update with DMO.

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**From:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:03 AM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** FW: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

FYI – update from Virginia.

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**From:** Virginia Toulouse <Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca>  
**Sent:** 2021-06-09 9:02 AM  
**To:** Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <jamie.bryan@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Churchill, Tanya (SAC/ISC) <tanya.churchill@canada.ca>; Metallic, Gina (SAC/ISC) <gina.metallic@canada.ca>; Violante, Carmela (SAC/ISC) <carmela.violante@canada.ca>; Dwyer, Jessica (SAC/ISC) <jessica.dwyer@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

Good Morning Jamie

Hope you are doing well. Sending a quick update on the mental health supports in BC.

The discovery of the mass grave on Tk'emlups te Secwepemc territory has affected all Indigenous communities across the province and Canada. This finding touches each of us and many in our communities are triggered and grieving from this discovery that validates what residential school survivors have been saying for generations. It is also recognized that there is a lot of fatigue in our

bodies and communities around the atrocities committed at residential schools and the ongoing stress of the pandemic, the toxic drug crisis, and our ongoing work in health and wellness.

We are holding debriefing sessions in regions, with the Health Directors, front line workers and Leadership.

- FNHA gathered staff from across BC, approximately 500+ attended, focussed on importance of self care. Cultural Support Workers, George Jeffrey and Freddy Johnson, and FNHC Chair, FNHA Board Chair, CEO, HR VP were part of the speakers panel. Staff were provided a list of resources available to all.

- The northern region held gathering of their front line staff to discuss the challenges and what may present itself to leadership and staff as a result of last weeks' announcement; and to share with leadership and staff the importance of their own self-care and provide examples of ways that they can take good care of their spirits as they provide the important support and work to their communities.

- Other sessions are scheduled next week.

- 6 Health and cultural supports deployed to Tk'emlups last weekend as requested by community

- Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) has moved operations from 8:00 to 5:00 (Monday to Friday) to 24/7 effective June 4th

- The IRS/MMIWG/IDS health and cultural workers have started to provide in person health and cultural supports. Many requests received from communities across BC for in person support. Virtual support continues to be provided.

- The two toll free lines KU-US and IRSSS are receiving calls from across the country. Quite a few of the calls are from non-indigenous persons, young people and many survivors that are being re-triggered from the findings of the 215 children buried in mass graves.

- Approximately 300 people gathered at Fraser Lake to remember the 215 children. Health and cultural supports deployed to support the participants.

- FNHB is working on expediting the prior approvals for the counselling support to deal with triggers and crisis from the Tk'emlups.

- the Mental Health and Wellness Manager from Interior Region who is also a member of Tk'emlups met with Brenda Restoule and me last Friday. This was most helpful. Need for debriefing, more indigenous clinicians and a road map for mental health and wellness were identified. Follow-up call with Brenda requested. We are looking to arrange this for next week.

The two BC crisis lines will continue to support all callers and provide the immediate support, grounding, etc. What would be helpful is for us to develop a seamless process for follow-up for client calls from outside BC. I have flagged this to Gina for the call she is arranging for all IRS regional leads.

That's it for now.

Virginia

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2021, at 7:42 AM, Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <[jamie.bryan@canada.ca](mailto:jamie.bryan@canada.ca)> wrote:

Thank you for the update!

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From: Virginia Toulouse <[Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca](mailto:Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca)>  
Sent: 2021-06-02 10:32 AM  
To: Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <[jamie.bryan@canada.ca](mailto:jamie.bryan@canada.ca)>  
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Subject: Re: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

Good Morning Jamie

I was multi-tasking and had my response sitting in the draft box.

We don't have an overall plan yet; however we have received requests for:

Kamloops Residential Schools (old)

- deployment of cultural supports (10) to support local leadership, residential school survivors, families and the hundreds (approx 600+) of survivors and families from across BC that are showing up at the old Kamloops IRS on the weekend and will likely continue to arrive (Actioned).

- 2 full time and 2 part-time clinical counsellors for the interior region to respond to numerous requests from local communities near the old Kamloops Indian Residential School (in progress)

- FNHA will distribute a communication to providers requesting interest in (4) positions with the Mental Health and Wellness team in the Interior Region. The positions will follow the criteria below, and will be funded through the IRS program.

#### 4 counsellors – Part time or Full time

- 4 counsellors – Part time or Full time
  - Funded by IRS program, contract with MHW team
  - Under professional association or regulatory body (met by HB eligibility criteria)
  - Covered by liability insurance (met by HB eligibility criteria)
  - Location: Interior Region
  - Services Offered:
    - In person
    - Telehealth
    - Virtual
  - Expertise in complex trauma, and grief and loss required
  - Expertise with Children and Youth an asset

- FNHB will share out communication to providers about the tragic news from Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, to bring awareness and highlight a possible increase in calls from clients needing timely support

- FNHB has reached out to providers in the Interior region to confirm their availability for new clients and will be providing an updated list for distribution

- We are receiving requests from our other BC regions for additional cultural supports (waiting further details)
- Our 2 IRS CA Holders, Tsow Ten Le Lum and IRSSS as well as our KU-US crisis line have been requested to provide support 7 days per week including evenings (will need to increase workforce for relief and additional hours of operation). The contact information for these organizations have been posted nationally as contact numbers, resulting in huge increase in calls in just over the weekend.
- The two CA Holders and the KU-US Crisis line are getting calls across Canada. We will respond to all calls and deal with immediate concern of clients calling; however we will need to set up protocols with other regions to refer the callers back to their respective regions for follow-up. (In progress)
- I will continue to monitor the capacity
- I received 19 calls over the weekend plus emails from Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Atlantic, and BC. Apparently my contact information was sent out in Instagram. I am trying to get this pulled as I am inundated with requests and I have responded to all calls as the individuals may be in crisis. Most of these callers are requesting counselling support and have provided them the regional contact information.

I will provide further updates.

Thanks  
Virginia

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2021, at 11:46 AM, Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC)  
<[jamie.bryan@canada.ca](mailto:jamie.bryan@canada.ca)> wrote:

Hi Virginia,

Richard Jock got back to Valerie Gideon to confirm that for the short term, the FNHA has the supports it needs.

Carol Hopkins mentioned last Friday via email, that in the past in discussions she had with the FNHA around the take home naloxone program, it had been expressed that there were challenges related to the bulk purchasing of naloxone – do you know if this is still the case?

Regards,

Jamie

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From: Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <[jamie.bryan@canada.ca](mailto:jamie.bryan@canada.ca)>  
Sent: 2021-05-28 2:48 PM  
To: Virginia Toulouse <[Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca](mailto:Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca)>  
Subject: Re: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 28, 2021, at 2:47 PM, Virginia Toulouse  
<[Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca](mailto:Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jamie

I am just going into a meeting with the local team and regional staff on the EOC. I can provide further details following this meeting.

Virginia

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From: Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC) <[jamie.bryan@canada.ca](mailto:jamie.bryan@canada.ca)>  
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 9:37 AM  
To: Virginia Toulouse <[Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca](mailto:Virginia.Toulouse@fnha.ca)>  
Subject: FW: urgent: Tk'emlups First Nations

Hi Virginia,

I can't imagine how difficult and busy things are right now. Richard Jock emailed Valerie Gideon asking about a potential need for resources to support an EOC structure to support the community and surrounding communities. Are you aware of this?

I have been asked to look into what support we may be able to provide. I assume that EOC stands for "emergency operations centre" but do you have a sense of whether the FNHA might be looking for FNIHBers to 'work' in the EOC, or if the need is funding for the FNHA to stand up the EOC, or if what is potentially being sought is mental wellness workers from other regions to support the community(-ies)?

Thanks,

Jamie



## Herault, Melanie (AADNC/AANDC)

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**From:** Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 5:21 PM  
**To:** Sparvier, Philipp (AADNC/AANDC); OPPH Action Requests / BSPSP Demandes Action (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Cousineau2, Julie (AADNC/AANDC); Bryan, Jamie (SAC/ISC); PHWD DO / DSBP BD (SAC/ISC); Mahmoud, Reem (SAC/ISC); Crowder, Cassandra (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT APPROVAL - Min. Speech-residential schools & mental health - emergency debate tonight

Approved.

And the Minister will have these particular 6 Calls to Action in his back pocket (#71-76), right? They have to do with missing children and burial information:

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1524504992259/1557512149981>

Here they are cut and pasted:

71. We call upon all chief coroners and provincial vital statistics agencies that have not provided to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada their records on the deaths of Aboriginal children in the care of residential school authorities to make these documents available to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.
72. We call upon the federal government to allocate sufficient resources to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to allow it to develop and maintain the National Residential School Student Death Register established by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.
73. We call upon the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including, where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children.
74. We call upon the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who died at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies and markers, and reburial in home communities where requested.
75. We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.
76. We call upon the parties engaged in the work of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries to adopt strategies in accordance with the following principles:
  - i. The Aboriginal community most affected shall lead the development of such strategies.
  - ii. Information shall be sought from residential school Survivors and other Knowledge Keepers in the development of such strategies.
  - iii. Aboriginal protocols shall be respected before any potentially invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site.

And, I'm assuming, he has updates on actions to date in these areas?

Evan Adams

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**From:** Sparvier, Philipp (AADNC/AANDC) <philipp.sparvier@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** 2021-05-31 2:02 PM

**To:** OPPH Action Requests / BSPSP Demandes Action (SAC/ISC) <sac.opphactionrequests-bspspdemandesaction.isc@canada.ca>; Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>; Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC) <evan.adams@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** URGENT APPROVAL - Min. Speech-residential schools & mental health - emergency debate tonight  
**Importance:** High

Hello,

Please find attached an urgent speech for OPPH approval related tonight's emergency debate.

**Please provide any comments before 6pm** as I'll be sending to ADMO for approval at that time; the Minister's office has asked for this by 7pm.

Note that I was not able to get input from Jamie Bryan, who has now been FYld on this.

Apologies for the short notice and tight turnaround,

**Phil Sparvier**

A/ Sr Communications Advisor / Conseiller principal en communication par intérim  
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**From:** Brennan, Tina (SAC/ISC) <[tina.brennan@canada.ca](mailto:tina.brennan@canada.ca)> **On Behalf Of** OPPH Action Requests / BSPSP Demandes Action (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 16:37  
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**Subject:** RE: HEADS UP- URGENT APPROVAL COMING- Min. Speech- Kamloops residential school - emergency debate tonight

Hi Philipp,

Thank you for the heads-up, please ensure to include Dr. Wong and Dr. Adams on any urgent approvals needed after hours (after 5pm).

Thank you!  
Tina

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**Subject:** HEADS UP- URGENT APPROVAL COMING- Min. Speech- Kamloops residential school - emergency debate

tonight

**Importance:** High

Please be advised that an urgent speech is coming for approval, which the **Minister has asked for by 7pm.**

The speech is currently with mental wellness director, and I will be sending to your office for approval at 5pm or earlier, depending on the response from Jamie Bryan.

I will need to move this to ADMO latest by 6pm in order to get to MO before 7.

Thanks,

**Phil Sparvier**

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Parker, Amberlea (AADNC/AANDC)  
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**Subject:** BREAKING: The Toronto Star - Kamloops tragedy must not divert attention from correcting inequalities of the present

### **Kamloops tragedy must not divert attention from correcting inequalities of the present**

19:25 EST – *The Toronto Star*  
06/02/2021

By: Perry Bellegarde

The discovery of as many as 215 bodies in an unmarked grave near the site of a former "Indian" residential school in Kamloops might have come as a surprise to many Canadians, but not to most First Nations. Our people have been telling of these horrors for decades. The only difference today is now we're being believed because the proof is undeniable.

Another fact that is undeniable is that there were more than 130 of these Indian Residential Schools scattered across Canada. Most were run by the Roman Catholics or Anglicans, and all were funded by and under the supervision of the federal government.

One common thread is a tragic and painful legacy of hundreds of thousands of stolen children who were victims of neglect, abuse and, as we see in Kamloops, death. Another is that when children died, many of their deaths went unreported and unrecorded. Families were simply told their children had run away, but most parents knew what had happened. Fellow students knew what happened. And it's a very safe bet that church and government officials knew what happened too. That they were not believed or, worse, silenced only deepens the tragedy of this dark era in Canadian history.

Last week's discovery shines a bit of light into that darkness. The families of the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First Nation now deserve to know what happened - who were these children, when and how did they die? - and they'll need time and support to hold ceremony and then properly bury their ancestors. And we can hope the federal government will now take seriously efforts to locate other mass graves near residential schools that our people have been told about for generations. Maybe then, others who have tried to bring about justice will be believed, too.

But the tragedies of the past must not divert our attention from correcting the inequality that continues to plague the relationship between Canada and Indigenous peoples. The disparity in wealth and opportunity that exists in Canada is among the worst in the world. Our young people on reserves struggle to get a quality education and they commit suicide at rates far above the national average.

With the residential schools, the government knew it had a problem and opted to do nothing. Today, First Nations and Indigenous peoples still experience challenges that root back directly to that genocidal policy, and yet governments in Canada are still not doing all they can do for our children.

Though the residential schools are gone, First Nations children continue to be taken from their families and communities at unconscionable rates and stuck in foster care with little or no due process. This is the worst kind of systemic discrimination which always assumes the non-First-Nations way is the only correct way. Even after the actions of the federal government were found to be discriminatory by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal in 2016, government lawyers have kept up a painful and fruitless legal challenge rather than accept the simple truth that they are in the wrong.

This week I spoke with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau about the growing anger among Canadians for how First Nations were treated in the last century. I asked him directly to drop the legal challenges to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's ruling, adding that it perpetuates the paternalistic and systemic racism that has plagued Canada since Confederation. I also urged Mr. Trudeau to implement the remaining calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions' final report that deal with resolving the painful aftermath of the Indian Residential Schools.

I also called on senators to pass Bill C-15, the enabling legislation behind the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The graves in Kamloops should be a sobering reminder that Indigenous rights need to be protected in law.

From a young age, Elders told me of the Seven Sacred Teachings: Truth, Honesty, Love, Respect, Courage, Wisdom and Humility. These have always served me well. I was also taught that Anger isn't one of them. But faced with the horror and heartbreak that so many of us feel, and the empathy we have for the thousands of families who lost their children to a cruel and callous system, perhaps there's one more thing we can demand of ourselves:

Action.

Perry Bellegarde is national chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
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**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** FOR DM For urgent approval: June 2 COVID-19 speech  
**Attachments:** 2021-06-02 Min Miller COVID-19 press conference.docx

Good morning Val,

For your review, the Minister's speech for this week. The remarks on Kamloops reference the 215 that you removed from the NR last night, and do not include the links you made to National Indigenous History month – but we could ask them to include.

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**Cc:** Discours - Speeches (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** FOR DM For urgent approval: June 2 COVID-19 speech

Hi Eugenia, with all the moving parts, I missed sending this to you last night for the DMO approval.

Attached are Minister Miller's speaking notes for tomorrow's COVID weekly update.

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**Subject:** RE: ARUNA For urgent approval: June 2 COVID-19 speech

Salut,

Just wondering whether it was sent to DMO yesterday?

Merci!

Dominique Rochon

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Hi Aruna, yes I'll add a few more lines before I send it to MO.

Thanks very much, Rob Boudreau

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Can we add a little more to the Kamloops piece?

Something around understanding these truths and the pain it has caused reinforces the urgent need to .... Something about efforts to (sorry am stuck on the what ... but something around reconciliation/relationship and healing).

Otherwise, good to go.

Merci. Thank you. Meegwetch. Nakurmiik. Maarsi.

Aruna

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**Speaking notes**

**for**

**The Honourable Marc Miller  
Minister of Indigenous Services**

**for a**

**COVID-19 News Conference**

**Ottawa, ON**

**Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

992 words/ 9-10 mins

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Kwe Kwe, Tansi, Unnusakut, Good morning, Bonjour.

I would like to acknowledge that I am on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people.

I want to take a moment to share my grief and sadness about the news last week of the discovery of 215 children buried at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. I had the opportunity to speak with Kukpi7 Casimir, to offer her the full support of our department. Her community, surrounding communities and all of us honour and mourn the loss of these innocent children.

To all the Survivors, I invite and urge you to call the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line. It's available to provide emotional and crisis referral services to former residential school students. You can call 24 hours a day at 1-866-925-4419.

And all Indigenous Peoples can access the Hope for Wellness Help Line. You can chat with a counsellor on their website, at

triple-w dot Hope for Wellness dot ca, or by phoning 1-855-242-3310.

Understanding the truth of this dark chapter of our history and the pain it has caused reinforces the urgent need and responsibility that this government has to work towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Turning now to the area of focus of this news conference—our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I'll start by giving you an overview of the numbers for vaccinations. As of XX, we are aware of XX Indigenous communities with vaccinations underway. A total of XX doses have been administered, from that XX are second doses. The number of vaccinations is steadily increasing, which shows that the hard work of so many across the country is paying off.

As far as the number of cases, as of XX, in First Nations communities on reserve, we're aware of X active cases. This

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brings us to a total of XX confirmed positive COVID-19 cases.

There are XX recovered cases and tragically, XXdeaths.

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We know that this pandemic has had a devastating impact on Indigenous Peoples across the country. And that is why our government continues to invest in the Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF).

As part of Budget 2021, we proposed an additional \$760.8 million in funding for the initiative. Throughout these difficult days, Indigenous leaders in communities and urban areas have worked tirelessly to keep First Nations, Inuit and Métis people safe and secure.

This funding will give leaders and organizations the flexibility needed to continue developing and implementing solutions that protect the health, safety and well-being of Indigenous Peoples. Examples of ways that communities have used the funding in the

past include promoting food security, improving mental health services and distributing emergency equipment.

I am very pleased that the initiative is delivering funds directly to communities this week and currently accepting requests for needs-based support. These requests can be submitted by communities and organizations, including those supporting First Nations living off-reserve and urban Indigenous populations. I know the money will be well spent and have a positive impact. I invite interested parties to learn more about the program and submit requests today.

Now let's turn to a look at what's going on across Canada.

In British Columbia, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced that they have reduced the wait time between vaccinations to eight weeks. All BC residents will be able to get their vaccination by the end of the summer, which is great news.

And the province is working with the First Nations Health Authority to get the second dose of vaccines to remote and Indigenous

communities. They will be using a similar system as they used for the first dose a “whole of community” approach, visiting community by community to offer the vaccine to eligible residents.

In Ontario, there’s good progress, health officials have also shortened the waiting time between first and second doses. This is accelerating the anticipated pace of the vaccine rollout. And this past Monday, teams began to visit 31 fly-in First Nations communities, offering vaccines to youth.

In Manitoba, the province continues to deal with a difficult situation. Health authorities are working to control the third wave. Indigenous communities are showing great leadership, with Cross Lake Norway House and Island Lake with the highest vaccination rates for province for the first dose among adults.

In Alberta, a vaccination clinic led by the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) has been a great success. The pop-up clinic at MacDonald Island Park was especially effective in reaching communities that may have been hesitant about receiving a vaccine.

Reagan Bartell, who is the health director for the MNA, said that some Métis people told her they decided to get vaccinated after they found out the clinic was run by an Indigenous organization. The clinic will be traveling across the province for the summer.

Finally, last week, the governments of Nova Scotia as well as New Brunswick opened up the eligibility for vaccines to those 12 and older.

Overall, case counts are going down and vaccinations are increasing. This is tremendous news. But as we have seen in recent weeks, flare-ups can happen unexpectedly.

That is why it is so critical, so very important, to not let up until we get the job done and get that second dose of vaccine to those who need it. It's been a marathon and we can see the finish line in the near distance. But we can't stop until we've made it the whole way.

I'm very proud to have had the opportunity to work along with Indigenous leaders as well as healthcare officials, responding to

this enormous challenge. It's been an honour to play a small role in helping to protect Indigenous communities.

As always, I remind everyone to please keep on following the advice of healthcare experts. Please limit contact with people outside of your immediate family. When you're out in public, it's essential to wear a mask. And don't forget to wash your hands frequently.

Meegwetch. Nakummek. Marci. Thank you. Merci.



## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**Importance:** High

Val – in case you are not getting this via Comms, these are your latest Tech Brief remarks for 1.30. They have add in a line on Kamloops but you can obviously amend as you see fit.

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FYI – we have provided a line on Kamloops for their consideration to be added to Valerie’s speech. See below.

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**Importance:** High

Hi DGO,

Could you please ensure DMO has the attached remarks for Associate DM Valerie Gideon for the Technical Briefing on the Federal Pathway? Dry run is at 11:30, event is at 1:30pm. I've attached English French and bilingual remarks. They are pre-approved.

Could you also please forward the option to add lines on Kamloops at the beginning:

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**English:**

I want to take a moment to share my grief and sadness about the news last week of the discovery of children buried at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.

**French:**

J'aimerais prendre un moment pour vous faire part de ma douleur et de ma tristesse à la suite de la découverte, la semaine dernière, des enfants enterrés sur les lieux de l'ancien pensionnat indien de Kamloops.

Merci!

Amy

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**Remarks**

**for**

**Associate Deputy Minister Valerie Gideon**

**Indigenous Services Canada**

**for**

**MMIWG Federal Pathway Technical Briefing**

**Friday June 4, 2021**

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Kwe kwe, Ullukkut [Ood-loo-koot], Tansi, hello, bonjour!

One major piece of the Federal Pathway is supporting the health and wellness of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. For far too long, Indigenous Peoples have experienced poor health outcomes, rooted in Canada's colonial legacy.

These extreme health inequities contribute to the violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. The death of Joyce Echaquan—a 37-year-old mother of seven from the Atikamekw de Manawan—made clear the devastating consequences of anti-Indigenous racism in our health care systems.

C'est pourquoi le gouvernement du Canada appuie le Principe de Joyce, une déclaration visant à faire en sorte que tous les peuples autochtones aient un accès égal et sans discrimination aux services de santé et aux services sociaux.

Mais il reste encore beaucoup à faire. Services aux Autochtones Canada est déterminé à prendre des mesures concrètes pour s'attaquer aux causes profondes de la violence et pour combler

l'écart en matière de santé entre les Autochtones et les non-Autochtones.

La Voie fédérale décrit les mesures immédiates que nous prenons pour assurer la santé et le bien-être de tous les peuples autochtones à l'échelle du pays.

Afin de respecter son engagement à éliminer le racisme dont sont victimes les Autochtones dans les services de santé, le gouvernement a proposé d'investir 126,7 millions de dollars sur trois ans pour favoriser des systèmes de santé exempts de discrimination, où les peuples autochtones sont respectés et en sécurité.

We also know that supporting families and survivors on their healing journeys will be essential to overcoming this national tragedy. To address this, the government has proposed to invest \$12.5 million over five years, and \$2.5 million ongoing, toward Indigenous-led programs that will support the physical, mental, spiritual and social well-being of families and survivors.

This is in addition to proposed investments of \$597.6 million over three years, beginning in 2021-22, for mental wellness supports that will provide community-based, culturally relevant, and trauma-informed wellness services for families and survivors.

These build on other Federal Pathway commitments and Budget 2021 investments, including those for infrastructure, and children and families.

Lastly, I'd like to acknowledge the collaborative work of the Interdepartmental Indigenous Women's Well-Being Advisory Committee. Together, we are implementing the Federal Pathway with National Indigenous Women's Organizations.

Meegwetch. Qujannamiik [Koo-ya-na-mEEK]. Marci. Thank you.  
Merci.

**Remarks**

**for**

**Associate Deputy Minister Valerie Gideon**

**Indigenous Services Canada**

**for**

**MMIWG Federal Pathway Technical Briefing**

**Friday June 4, 2021**

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That's why the Government of Canada is supporting Joyce's Principle—a declaration to ensure all Indigenous Peoples have equal access to health and social services free from discrimination.

But much more work needs to be done. Indigenous Services Canada is committed to taking concrete action to address the root causes of violence and to close the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.



The Federal Pathway outlines immediate steps we're taking to ensure the health and wellness of all Indigenous Peoples across the country.

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**Allocution  
pour la  
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Services aux Autochtones Canada**

**à l'occasion de la**

**Séance d'information technique sur la Voie fédérale en  
réponse à l'Enquête nationale sur les FFADA**

**Le 4 juin 2021**

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**Priorité au discours prononcé**

Kwe kwe, Ullukkut [Ood-loo-koot], Tansi, hello, bonjour!

L'un des principaux éléments de la Voie fédérale est le soutien accordé à la santé et au bien-être des Premières Nations, des Inuits et des Métis. Depuis bien trop longtemps, on observe chez les peuples autochtones des résultats insatisfaisants en matière de santé qui découlent de l'héritage colonial du Canada.

Ces inégalités extrêmes en matière de santé contribuent à la violence dont sont victimes les femmes, les filles et les personnes 2SLGBTQQIA+ autochtones. Le décès de Joyce Echaquan, une femme de 37 ans membre des Atikamekw de Manawan et mère de sept enfants, a clairement fait ressortir les conséquences dévastatrices du racisme envers les Autochtones dans nos systèmes de santé.

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La Voie fédérale décrit les mesures immédiates que nous prenons pour assurer la santé et le bien-être de tous les peuples autochtones à l'échelle du pays.

Afin de respecter son engagement à éliminer le racisme dont sont victimes les Autochtones dans les services de santé, le gouvernement a proposé d'investir 126,7 millions de dollars sur trois ans pour favoriser des systèmes de santé exempts de discrimination, où les peuples autochtones sont respectés et en sécurité.

Nous savons également qu'il sera essentiel d'appuyer les familles et les survivants dans leur démarche de guérison pour surmonter cette tragédie nationale. Pour y remédier, le gouvernement a proposé d'investir 12,5 millions de dollars sur cinq ans, et 2,5 millions de dollars par la suite, dans des programmes dirigés par les Autochtones qui favoriseront le bien-être physique, mental, spirituel et social des familles et des survivants.

Cette somme s'ajoute aux investissements proposés de 597,6 millions de dollars sur trois ans, à compter de 2021-2022, à l'égard de soutiens au bien-être mental qui permettront d'offrir aux familles et aux survivants des services de bien-être communautaires qui sont pertinents sur le plan culturel et tiennent compte des traumatismes.

Ils s'ajoutent à d'autres engagements pris dans le cadre de la Voie fédérale et aux investissements prévus dans le budget de 2021, notamment en ce qui concerne l'infrastructure, les enfants et les familles.

Enfin, je tiens à souligner le travail de collaboration du Comité consultatif interministériel sur le bien-être des femmes autochtones. Ensemble, nous mettons en œuvre la Voie fédérale avec les organisations nationales de femmes autochtones.

Meegwetch. Qujannamiik [Koo-ya-na-meek]. Marci. Thank you.  
Merci.

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 9:38 PM  
**To:** Forbes, Kaitlyn (AADNC/AANDC); Lana Potts; lisamonkman@gmail.com; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Veronica McKinney; gmail, macook (Ext.); Ojistoh Horn; Sabina Ijaz; James Makokis; Karen Hill  
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**Subject:** FW: FW: Statement regarding Kamloops Indian Residential School

In case you haven't seen this before – an apology from the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver.

Evan

**From:** Evan Adams  
**Sent:** 2021-06-03 9:05 AM  
**To:** Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Statement regarding Kamloops Indian Residential School

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**From:** **Maureen Adams** <maureen.adams@tn-bc.ca>  
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**Sent:** June 3, 2021 7:09 AM  
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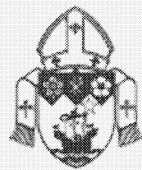
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From: **Communications Office** <[mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com)>

Date: Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 11:41 AM

Subject: Statement regarding Kamloops Indian Residential School

To: Rev. Patrick Tepoorten <[ptepoorten@rcav.org](mailto:ptepoorten@rcav.org)>



## Archdiocese of Vancouver

**COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE**

Dear Reverend Fathers and Deacons,

Please find linked below the following statement by Archbishop Miller on the situation regarding Kamloops Indian Residential School. The statement includes words of acknowledgement, apology and action and will be circulated more broadly to online portals and to media organizations should they request it.

Thank you,

Communications Office

Archdiocese of Vancouver





## Expression of Commitment

June 2, 2021

Dear First Nations governments and all Indigenous communities, families and citizens,

In light of the heartbreaking disclosure of the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, I am writing to express my deep apology and profound condolences to the families and communities that have been devastated by this horrific news. Each time new evidence of a tragedy is revealed, or another victim comes forward, countless wounds are reopened, and I know that you experience renewed suffering.

I take this opportunity to reflect upon the apology I gave publicly before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2013, words to which I remain committed and accountable: “I wish to apologize sincerely and profoundly to the survivors and their families, as well as to all those subsequently affected, for the anguish caused by the deplorable conduct of those Catholics who perpetrated mistreatment of any kind in these residential schools.” The Church was unquestionably wrong in implementing a government colonialist policy which resulted in devastation for children, families and communities.

If words of apology for such unspeakable deeds are to bring life and healing, they must be accompanied by tangible actions that foster the full disclosure of the truth. Truth comes before reconciliation. On behalf of the people of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, I commit to the following steps in support of the Nations, families and communities impacted by the recent heartrending disclosure:

1. We will be fully transparent with our archives and records regarding all residential schools. We strongly urge all other Catholic and government organizations to do the same. Our records regarding the Kamloops Indian Residential School (Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc) were provided to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and will remain available for review.

2. We will offer and support mental health support and counselling for family members and others whose loved ones may be buried on the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.
3. We will offer to assist with technological and professional support to help the Tk'emlúps Secwépemc and other affected Nations in whatever way they choose to honour, retrieve and remember their deceased children.
4. We commit to supporting the same process and resources to all Nations in whose territories Catholic-run residential schools were forcibly located, and which fall within the historical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.
5. We will renew our efforts to listen to Indigenous Peoples to hear from you how we can best walk with you along the path of justice.

We recognize that there is so much work remains to be done, yet we hope that, if we persevere with these commitments with humility, we can restore the trust among us that will bring healing.

Sincerely yours,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB

Archbishop of Vancouver



Sent by Makani Marquis

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Fr. Patrick

***“Serve with Joyful Hearts”***

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** DALPR-LPRAD (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 6:21 PM  
**To:** DALPR-LPRAD (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** Opposition Debate Summary - Kamloops Indian Residential School gravesite

Hello,

Today, June 3, 2021, the House of Commons debated the following NDP motion regarding the tragic findings at the former Residential School in Kamloops BC.

A summary of the debate is as follows. Of note:

- the Conservative Party, BQ and Green Party confirmed that they would support this motion; and
- a vote on the motion is expected to occur on Monday, June 7, 2021, following Question Period.

**June 1, 2021 — Mr. Julian (New Westminster—Burnaby) — That, given that,**

*(i) the discovery of the grave of 215 children at Kamloops Indian Residential School has led to an outpouring of grief and anger across Canada,*

*(ii) the vast majority of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action remain uncompleted, despite the clear path to justice and reconciliation that the Commission provides,*

*(iii) survivors, families and nations are demanding concrete action to advance real reconciliation, as opposed to just more words and symbolic gestures,*

*the House call on the government to:*

*(a) cease its belligerent and litigious approach to justice for Indigenous children by immediately dropping its appeal before the Federal Court in file numbers T-1621-19 (compensation) and T-1559-20 (Jordan's Principle for non-status First Nations kids recognized by their nations) and to recognize the government's legal obligation to fully comply with Canadian Human Rights Tribunal orders in this regard;*

*(b) agree to sit down with the St. Anne's residential school survivors organization Peetabeck Keway Keykaywin Association to find a just solution to the fact that survivors' access to justice has been denied as a consequence of the actions of government lawyers in suppressing evidence at the Independent Assessment Process;*

*(c) accelerate the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action, including by providing immediate funding for further investigation into the deaths and disappearances of children at residential schools in compliance with calls to action 71 to 76;*

*(d) provide survivors, their families, and their communities with appropriate resources to assist with the emotional, physical, spiritual, mental, and cultural trauma resulting from residential schools; and*

*(e) within 10 days, table a progress report on actions taken in compliance with paragraphs (a) through (d) of the present motion, and that this report be deemed to have been referred to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs for consideration upon tabling.*

## **Summary**

### **Liberal Party of Canada (Lib)**

- **The Minister of Northern Affairs** expressed heart break and outrage over this finding, noting that further findings could occur and is a consequence of colonialism and systemic racism. He confirmed that the Government provided \$27 million to spearhead the search of additional burial sites. He continued that the Government is committed to healing, reconciliation and listening to, and collaborating with, Indigenous partners in a meaningful and respectful manner. He reconfirmed the Government's commitment to delivering of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action (CTAs), including 72 to 76, noting that 80% are completed or underway, and that ongoing work is required with provincial, territorial and Indigenous partners. He said that "Canada will provide the necessary resources to support



Indigenous communities on their healing journey,” including mental health support and locating and memorializing unmarked graves in collaboration with Indigenous community-led processes.

- On the St. Anne’s file, he noted that the Court has, at the request of the Government, conducted an independent third party review to determine further compensation for survivors.

- **The Minister of Indigenous Services** acknowledged the pain of Indigenous peoples due to these events and reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to supporting communities and families in recovering the truth to facilitate healing. He said the Government will be there for Indigenous communities, and is working with them to put together protocols on how to honor the children. He highlighted this week’s \$27 million announcement to support survivors, families and communities across Canada to locate and memorialize children who died or went missing while attending residential schools. He said there is still work to do and a first investment of \$70 million toward CTAs 72-76 is to be distributed based on the priorities of Indigenous communities. He noted the need for systemic reform of the Child and Family Services system and compensation for past harms. Regarding the CHRT order, he said the Government is working with First Nations leaders and partners to implement the Tribunal’s orders. He commended the work being done under Joyce’s principle and the commitment to providing First Nations children with access to necessary supports and services and ensuring fair and equitable compensation for children affected by the Child and Family Services Program.
- **The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indigenous Services** expressed sadness over this finding, as well as to the stain of residential schools and its tragic history. She discussed the dark history of the Kamloops residential school. She reaffirmed the Government’s commitments to advancing reconciliation and redressing past wrongdoings, including locating and memorializing those who passed away at residential schools, ensuring mental health supports and community wellness initiatives. She also spoke to the Distinctions-Based Mental Health Strategy proposed in Budget 2021, and to ongoing work to implement *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*. She also noted that systemic racism in Canada continues and the health care system. She noted the Government’s ongoing work to implement Joyce’s Principle.
- **Other Lib Members, including the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Northern Affairs**, echoed many of the aforementioned comments, speaking to their sadness and instances in their ridings and to Government efforts to advance true reconciliation and healing, including on the TRC CTAs and helping residential school survivors. They also spoke to working with Indigenous communities to address their specific needs for healing, ensuring mental health supports, strengthening Indigenous child and family services and having a true understanding of Canada’s past.

#### **New Democratic Party (NDP)**

- **NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh** expressed sadness over the recent findings in Kamloops and the history of Canada’s treatment of Indigenous peoples in Canada generally. He termed the residential school system as “genocidal” and “genocide.” He called on the Government to do the work that “it has delayed for so long” and to ensure a “commitment to justice today.” He also called for the Government to stop pursuing court challenges against Indigenous children, the CHRTC ruling and residential school survivors. He further asked the Government to develop an “accelerated plan” to fully implement the TRC CTAs, including regarding burial sites, criticizing the Government for its slow progress on this initiative. Reflective of the motion being debated, he called for a progress report on the Government’s work in this regard in 10 days.
  - He indicated that the Catholic Church should apologize for the residential school system and should provide access to records regarding unmarked graves.
- **MP Charlie Angus** echoed many of his party leader’s comments, before speaking against the sad history of residential schools and Indigenous peoples in Canada as well as systemic racism. He said the Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations’ ongoing court challenge regarding St. Anne’s residential school survivors was “toxic”, suggesting that certain Catholic priest were being protected by the Minister’s ongoing legal action and called on the Minister to end this legal action.
- **MP Rachel Blaney** also echoed many of the party leader’s comments, particularly calling this genocide. She said at INAN committee today, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation said survivors have been asking for funding and often do not receive a response. She also mentioned a need for trauma healing centres.

- **MP Mumilaaq Qaqqaq** spoke about the negative effects of the foster care system and intergenerational trauma. She highlighted history of Inuit and current conditions in Nunavut in general, including the suicide crisis, the lack of proper housing and the lack of appropriate mental health resources.
- **Other NDP members** expressed frustration over Government progress on the CTAs and MMIWG, and continuing to pursue litigation. They called for immediate and substantial action, including investigating other possible burial sites, funding supports, ending of legal action and reform of Indigenous child and family services.

#### Conservative Party of Canada (CPC)

- **MP Glen Motz** confirmed that the CPC would be supporting this motion. However, **MP Dan Albas** criticized the motion for being “Ottawa-led” and for not fully accounting for ongoing discussions and engagements with Indigenous communities and survivors, but still confirmed that he would support it.
- **MP Mark Strahl** noted that First Nations must continue to “get out from underneath” the *Indian Act* and spoke in support of such *Indian Act* opt-out legislation that advances self-determination and reconciliation like the *First Nations Land Management Act* and the *First Nations Elections Act*.
- **Other CPC members** expressed sadness over these findings and the shame of residential schools. Some criticized the Government for continuing to pursue litigation against Indigenous children and residential school survivors, and for the state of progress on delivering on the CTAs. Others provided examples of past injustices and horrors, and spoke to the need to do better as a government and society.

#### Bloc Québécois (BQ)

- **MP Louise Charbonneau and MP Simon-Pierre Savard-Tremblay both** confirmed that the BQ would be supporting this motion.
- **Other BQ members** expressed sadness and condolences over these findings, and criticized the Government for its progress on delivering on such Indigenous files as the TRC CTAs and safe drinking water. They also criticized the government for pursuing ongoing litigation against Indigenous children and residential school survivors. Moreover, they spoke to the need to find other unmarked graves and to identify victims through enhanced federal funding and to ensure such tragedies never happen again. They also encouraged the Government to quickly implement CTAs 71-78.
  - Other topics discussed included the likelihood of making similar findings moving forward; transitioning away from the *Indian Act* and providing more self-determination to Indigenous peoples and communities; ending racism; ensuring what happened to Joyce Echaquan does not occur again.
  - They also highlighted the need to consult Indigenous peoples in future cases similar to what happened in Kamloops.
- In response to Liberal member questions, **BQ MP Gabriel St-Marie** noted that he would support the implementation of Joyce’s Principle.

#### Green Party (GP)

- **Former Green Party Leader Elizabeth May** confirmed that the GP would be supporting the motion. She also called for further government action on MMIWG and the TRC CTAs.
- **Other GP Members** expressed sadness over these findings and the history of anti-Indigenous racism and residential schools. **MP Manly** spoke about housing and asked if there should be a housing strategy for urban Indigenous people. He also raised issues with foster care.

## Next Steps

The House is expected to vote on the motion on Monday, June 7, 2021, following question period.

Legislative, Parliamentary and Regulatory Affairs Directorate/Direction des affaires législatives, parlementaires et réglementaires

Indigenous Services Canada/ Services aux Autochtones Canada

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada/Relations Couronne-Autochtones et Affaires du Nord Canada

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 9:11 PM  
**To:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC); Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC); Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: For Approval - Ministers' Message - Kamloops Residential School  
**Attachments:** Ministers message to employee - Kamloops - 2021-06-04-chris.docx

Hi,

Here are my changes.

Chris

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 6:44 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) ; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) ; Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** For Approval - Ministers' Message - Kamloops Residential School  
**Importance:** High

Chris, Val,

Sending concurrently (Val please disregard my earlier message!) as CIRNA has now approved.

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**From:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <[genevieve.guibert@canada.ca](mailto:genevieve.guibert@canada.ca)>  
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**Subject:** For Approval - Ministers' Message - Kamloops Residential School

Bonjour à vous trois,

As requested yesterday by DM Fox and Minister Miller, here is a Minister's message to all staff for approval.

I'm sending it to the three of you as I believe MOs may want to make this a joint message, Antonia can confirm later.

The plan is to send it tomorrow.

Merci beaucoup,  
Gen



(English follows)

*Ce message traite de sujets susceptibles de provoquer des traumatismes liés à des souvenirs de mauvais traitements. Nous sommes conscients que certains employés pourraient ne pas vouloir lire la suite afin de minimiser le risque associé au déclenchement de ces traumatismes.*

Chers collègues,

Cette semaine nous avons dû faire face à beaucoup d'émotion et à beaucoup de douleur. Vendredi dernier une fosse commune a été localisée dans le secteur du pensionnat de Kamloops en Colombie-Britannique sur le territoire traditionnel du peuple Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc. Et si cet événement est le premier, il ne sera malheureusement pas le dernier, les témoignages des survivants lors de la Commission de vérité et réconciliation (CVR) ne laissent planer aucun doute à ce sujet.

Cet événement n'est pas qu'une « triste histoire ». Il s'agit de notre histoire. Et il faut bien comprendre que les traumatismes créés par le système des pensionnats et leurs conséquences sont encore présents aujourd'hui, et le seront encore sur plusieurs générations.

Ces histoires ont longtemps été ignoré par certains. De nombreux Canadiens n'ont pu recevoir d'enseignement sur les peuples autochtones et les pensionnats. Les fonctionnaires de ce ministère, dont certains sont des survivants des pensionnats ou des enfants de survivants, travaillent très forts pour que l'histoire soit corrigée et ne se répète pas. Vous pouvez compter sur mon soutien.

Aujourd'hui, nous devons regarder la réalité en face et surtout agir. Supprimer les symboles du passé en n'en parlant pas ou en enlevant des statuts ne le changera pas. Il nous faut agir pour accepter, agir pour réparer, agir pour nous réconcilier.

Le Gouvernement s'est quant à lui engagé dans le budget 2019 à poursuivre le travail commencé par la CVR et à mettre en œuvre les appels à l'action 74 à 76 (enfants disparus et informations sur les sépultures) avec un financement de 27 millions de dollars. Le projet de loi faisant du 30 septembre la Journée nationale de la vérité et de la réconciliation au Canada a été adopté à l'unanimité vendredi dernier par les députés de la Chambre des communes (appel à l'action 80) et attend maintenant la décision du Sénat.

Aux équipes en région, aux gestionnaires, aux collègues, votre support auprès de vos collègues est très important et nécessaire. Soyez à l'écoute, discutez et veillez les uns sur les autres.

Si vous avez besoin de soutien psychologique, ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui en aurait besoin, différentes ressources sont offertes, dont la [ligne téléphonique d'aide aux employés](#), au 1-800-268-7708 (pour malentendants - ATS au 1-800-567-5803). Une ligne d'écoute téléphonique de [Résolution des questions de pensionnats indiens](#) offre du soutien aux anciens élèves des pensionnats. Jour et nuit, vous pouvez accéder à des services de soutien affectif et d'aiguillage en situation de crise en composant le 1-866-925-4419. Les employés autochtones peuvent aussi rejoindre la ligne d'écoute d'espoir pour le mieux-être au 1-855-242-3310 ou clavarder en ligne sur leur site (pour accéder à leur site Web, veuillez copier et coller l'hyperlien suivant dans votre navigateur Web : <https://www.espoirpourlemieuxetre.ca/>).

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Ministre des Relations Couronne-Autochtones

L'honorable Daniel Vandal, C.P., député  
Ministre des Affaires du Nord

L'honorable Marc Miller  
Ministre des Services aux Autochtones Canada

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*This message deals with topics that may cause trauma by invoking memories of past abuse.  
We recognize that some employees may not want to read on to minimize the risk associated  
with triggering.*

Dear colleagues,

This week we had to deal with a lot of emotion and a lot of pain. Last Friday a mass grave was located in the area of the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, on the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc people. And if this event is the first, unfortunately it will not be the last, the testimonies of Survivors at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) leave no doubt about it.

This is not just a "sad story". This is our history. And it must be understood that the traumas created by the residential school system and their consequences are still present today and will continue to be present for generations to come.

These stories have long been ignored by some. Many Canadians were not taught about Indigenous peoples and residential schools. Public servants in our Departments, some of whom are residential school Survivors or children of Survivors, are working very hard to ensure that history is corrected and not repeated. You can count on my support.

Today, we must face reality and, above all, act. Removing the symbols of the past by not speaking about it or removing statues will not change it. We must act to accept, act to repair, act to reconcile. And the best way to do that is to learn and to open ourselves to each other.

For its part, the Government committed in Budget 2019 to continue the work begun by the TRC and implement Calls to Action 74 to 76 (Missing Children and Burial Information) with \$27 million in funding. The bill to designate September 30 as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada was passed unanimously last Friday by members of the House of Commons (Call to Action 80) and is now waiting the Senate's decision.

To regional teams, managers, colleagues, your support to your colleagues is very important and necessary. Listen, discuss and watch out for each other.

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If you need support—or know someone who does—different resources are available to you through the [Employee Assistance Program, which you can reach](#) by calling 1-800-268-7708 (or TTY for people with hearing impairments at 1-800-567-5803). A [National Indian Residential School Crisis Line](#) has been set up to provide support to former residential school students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-Hour National Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419. Indigenous employees can also access the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310, or connect to the online chat through their website (to access the web site, please copy and paste the following link in your browser: <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/>).

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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations

The Honourable Daniel Vandal, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Northern Affairs

The Honourable Marc Miller  
Minister of Indigenous Services Canada

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 1, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
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**Subject:** RE: FYI - Public Service Approach - Kamloops Indian Residential School

Thanks.

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:06 AM  
**To:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) ; Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) ; Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) ; Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - Public Service Approach - Kamloops Indian Residential School

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <[carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca)>; Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC) <[anne.wielinga@canada.ca](mailto:anne.wielinga@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** FYI - Public Service Approach - Kamloops Indian Residential School

Chris, Val,

The Interim Clerk is planning to send a message today on NIHM that also acknowledges Kamloops.

Comms will share via the joint ISC-CIRNAC DM box once received.

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**From:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <[genevieve.guibert@canada.ca](mailto:genevieve.guibert@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>; Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <[philippe.robert2@canada.ca](mailto:philippe.robert2@canada.ca)>; Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <[sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca](mailto:sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** DG Communications (SAC/ISC) <[sac.dgcommunications.isc@canada.ca](mailto:sac.dgcommunications.isc@canada.ca)>; Renaud-Da Costa, Brianne (AADNC/AANDC) <[brianne.renaud-dacosta@canada.ca](mailto:brianne.renaud-dacosta@canada.ca)>; Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC) <[fanny.robert@canada.ca](mailto:fanny.robert@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Question - Public Service Approach - Kamloops Indian Residential School

Heads up – The Interim Clerk is planning to send a message to all public servants today to acknowledge the tragic news and recognize NIHM (see attached).

As requested, we will send it to all staff from the 4 DMs' inbox once the email received.

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 1:38 PM  
**To:** Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <[philippe.robert2@canada.ca](mailto:philippe.robert2@canada.ca)>; Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC)

<genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>; Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** DG Communications (SAC/ISC) <sac.dgcommunications.isc@canada.ca>; Renaud-Da Costa, Brianne (AADNC/AANDC) <brianne.renaud-dacosta@canada.ca>; Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC) <fanny.robert@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Question - Public Service Approach - Kamloops Indian Residential School

DM Fox is on the same page, and she has not heard anything about a PCO message yet – maybe Aruna could flag to PCO?

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**From:** Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 1:22 PM  
**To:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>; Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** DG Communications (SAC/ISC) <sac.dgcommunications.isc@canada.ca>; Renaud-Da Costa, Brianne (AADNC/AANDC) <brianne.renaud-dacosta@canada.ca>; Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC) <fanny.robert@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Question - Public Service Approach - Kamloops Indian Residential School

DM Quan Watson would like Aruna's recommendation on this, but his initial thought was that while we could craft the initial messaging, PCO should be disseminating.

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**From:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 12:36 PM  
**To:** Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>; Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** DG Communications (SAC/ISC) <sac.dgcommunications.isc@canada.ca>; Renaud-Da Costa, Brianne (AADNC/AANDC) <brianne.renaud-dacosta@canada.ca>; Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC) <fanny.robert@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** Question - Public Service Approach - Kamloops Indian Residential School

Bonjour à vous trois,

We have been approached by three departments so far inquiring about how this is being handled across the GC, apart from amplifying on social media, the Ministers' statement, the PM's statement, lowering of flags, and other statements by the Government.

Would the DMs like to send a suggested message to all departments so that they can share with their staff? Unless the Interim Clerk is already planning on sending one to all public servants? We have not heard back from PCO on this yet but if you are aware of any plans with PCO, please let us know.

Alternatively, we could just reach out to all Internal Comms shops and suggest they share in their messages.

Qu'en pensez-vous?

Merci beaucoup,  
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**From:** Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 1:20 PM  
**To:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** DMs message on Kamloops Indian Residential School

Hi, I understand there's a draft 4 DMs message being developed on Kamloops Indian Residential School

DM Quan-Watson was asking about it. Do you have a draft to share or any other update?

Thank you,  
Sandra

**Sandra Stevenson**

Conseillère Principale | Senior Advisor

Bureau de la sous-ministre déléguée | Associate Deputy Minister's Office

Relations Couronne-Autochtones et Affaires du Nord Canada | Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

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[Sandra.Stevenson2@canada.ca](mailto:Sandra.Stevenson2@canada.ca)

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 10:57 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC); Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC); Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC); White2, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC); Lappe, Catherine (AADNC/AANDC); Lavigne3, Maryse (AADNC/AANDC); Bourry, Marie (AADNC/AANDC); Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC); Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC); Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC); Guerin, Bill (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** Re: Immediate Notification - NOTAM Airspace Restriction Kamloops Residential School - Kamloops, BC - 03 June 2021

Unfortunate that this would be necessary...

On Jun 3, 2021, at 10:39 PM, Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) wrote:

Heads up:

The TK'EMLUPS TE SECWPEPMC reached out to TC regional staff to ask for restrictions on the air space over the school, as they are being over-run with people coming to the scene of the tragedy, including flying drones overhead.

TC Departmental officials moved quickly to help them with this. TC has issued this NOTAM restricting the airspace over the school. They have also told them they stand ready to dispatch an inspector with special equipment to help take enforcement action against illegal drone use if the problem persists.

They will issue the following tweet tomorrow AM to announce the NOTAM for the airspace around the Kamloops Indian Residential School to the general public:

English: We have issued a #NOTAM restricting all air traffic up to 500 ft above ground, including drones, in the Kamloops Indian Residential School area. For more info : <https://plan.navcanada.ca/wxrecall/> #Kamloops #drones

**From:** Sitcen HQ / Centre d'intervention AC (TC)

**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2021 8:23 PM

**To:** TC.F NCR SITCEN HQ Notification Immediate Internal / Notification immédiate interne CITC AC RCN F.TC <[TC.NCRSITCENHQNotImmediateInt-NotimmediateintCITCACRCN.TC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:TC.NCRSITCENHQNotImmediateInt-NotimmediateintCITCACRCN.TC@tc.gc.ca)>

**Subject:** (PAC - CIVAV) Immediate Notification - NOTAM Airspace Restriction Kamloops Residential School - Kamloops, BC - 03 June 2021

**DL – 4 - Releasable to Authorized Federal Organizations.**

**NOTIFICATION - THREAT/EVENT: NOTAM - Airspace Restriction Kamloops Residential School - Kamloops, BC - 03 June 2021**

**Description of threat/event:** At 19:59 ET, 03 June 2021 a NOTAM restricting airspace over the Tk'emlúps Te Secwepemc Kamloops Indian Band Residential School has been issued, pursuant to section 5.1 of the Aeronautics Act. On recommendation of the band, airspace is restricted to 500 feet above ground level, within a defined area over the site and no person shall operate an aircraft, remotely piloted aircraft or model aircraft within this airspace. The NOTAM is

effective immediately and scheduled to expire on July 03, 2021 at 19:59 ET. The airspace restriction has a minor impact on local instrument approach procedures.

**The published text is as follows:**

(L2753/21 NOTAMN Q) CZVR/QRTCA/IV/BO/W/000/017/5041N12018W001 A) CZVR B) 2106032336 C) 2107032359EST E) PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.1 OF THE AERONAUTICS ACT, THE AIRSPACE SURROUNDING TK'EMLUPS TE SECWEPEMC KAMLOOPS INDIAN BAND RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL IS RESTRICTED WITHIN AREA BOUNDED BY 504045N 1201741W - 504044N 1201734W - 504028N 1201747W - 504032N 1201758W - 504045N 1201741W (CENTRE APRX 1.5NM NE KAMLOOPS(ROYAL INLAND HOSP)(HELI)). NO PERSON SHALL OPR AN ACFT, INCLUDING REMOTELY PILOTED ACFT (RPA-DRONE) AND MODEL ACFT, WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED. F) SFC G) 1700FT AMSL)

The defined boundary of the restriction:

**Source of reporting:** Transport Canada – Aviation Operations

**Current Transport Canada Actions:** Transport Canada - Aviation Operations has issued the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

**Current Actions (other):** Nil.

**Initial analysis/impact assessment on Canadian Transportation System:** The airspace restriction has a minor impact on local instrument approach procedures.

**Notification provided to:** TC.F NCR SITCEN HQ Notification Immediate Internal / Notification immédiate interne CITC AC RCN F.TC

**Next Steps:** Updates will be provided should new information be received.

**\*\*This Information is preliminary and subject to change. Further, the information given for some occurrences may not have been verified / validated by TC. Therefore, caution should be used when using this information.**



## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 10:13 AM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC); Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC); Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC); Danis, Manon (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

It is Vote 10 money that is given to First Nations for the operations and maintenance of waste facilities on reserve.

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 10:11 AM  
**To:** Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) ; Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) ; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) ; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) ; Danis, Manon (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Sorry the highlight in red is not clear

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**From:** Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) <[tonina.simeone@canada.ca](mailto:tonina.simeone@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:57 AM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>; Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) <[eric.grant@canada.ca](mailto:eric.grant@canada.ca)>; Danis, Manon (AADNC/AANDC) <[manon.danis@canada.ca](mailto:manon.danis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Here are the revised bullets:

- We have \$185M over 5 years for Contaminated Sites available.
- \$540 million over seven years in Gs and Cs for Waste Management, starting in 2021-22 and \$195 million over five years, in Vote 10 O&M [do you mean Vote 1?]
- We have \$15.3 million over 5 years for the Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:50 AM  
**To:** Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) <[tonina.simeone@canada.ca](mailto:tonina.simeone@canada.ca)>; Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) <[eric.grant@canada.ca](mailto:eric.grant@canada.ca)>; Danis, Manon (AADNC/AANDC) <[manon.danis@canada.ca](mailto:manon.danis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Sorry so does this mean the bullets I had summarized below are not correct?

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**From:** Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) <[tonina.simeone@canada.ca](mailto:tonina.simeone@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:46 AM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>; Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) <[eric.grant@canada.ca](mailto:eric.grant@canada.ca)>; Danis, Manon (AADNC/AANDC) <[manon.danis@canada.ca](mailto:manon.danis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

The good news is the First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative was renewed for seven years in the 2020 Fall Economic Statement at **\$540 million** in grants and contributions funding over seven years, starting in 2021-22. Budget 2021 also announced additional funding for the operations of facilities on reserve at an additional **\$195 million over five years**, starting in 2021-22 (Vote 10 O&M).

We will provide you with an update table shortly and update the note accordingly.

Thanks!

Tonina

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) <[tonina.simeone@canada.ca](mailto:tonina.simeone@canada.ca)>; Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) <[eric.grant@canada.ca](mailto:eric.grant@canada.ca)>; Danis, Manon (AADNC/AANDC) <[manon.danis@canada.ca](mailto:manon.danis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

This is very helpful. It would be good to update the BN with this info so it is all in one place. So do I have it right that:

- We have \$185M over 5 years for Contaminated Sites available.
- We have \$100M over five years for Solid Waste that is in the process of securing TB approvals.
- We have \$12M for the Centre of Expertise program over 5 years available – and the title of the \$12M recipient is? Is that the Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects?

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**From:** Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) <[tonina.simeone@canada.ca](mailto:tonina.simeone@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:21 AM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>; Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) <[eric.grant@canada.ca](mailto:eric.grant@canada.ca)>; Danis, Manon (AADNC/AANDC) <[manon.danis@canada.ca](mailto:manon.danis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Good morning Kelley and Valerie, below is the financial information for environmental assessment and remediation on sites on or near the Kamloops Indian Residential School undertaken by the contaminated sites program. All work was done in relation to underground oil storage tanks. All the of the sites closed in 2000 and 2001. There were no archeological findings.

- In 1995-96 \$15,920 was spent on environmental site assessment

- In 1998-99 \$53,390 was spent on remediation
- In 1999-00 \$112,847 was spent on remediation

Total expenditures: \$182, 157

The Budget (Vote 1 and Vote 10) for the Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program more broadly is attached.

Please note that the program will continue to work to provide disaggregated site by site amounts. Will keep you apprised as to progress.

Tonina

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:14 AM  
**To:** Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) <[eric.grant@canada.ca](mailto:eric.grant@canada.ca)>; Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) <[tonina.simeone@canada.ca](mailto:tonina.simeone@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Ok it would be helpful if possible to have before the INAN appearance but if not, no problem if the question is asked I will say we will follow up.

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC)" <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Date:** 2021-06-03 8:35 a.m. (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)" <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC)" <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>, "Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)" <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>, "Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC)" <[eric.grant@canada.ca](mailto:eric.grant@canada.ca)>, "Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC)" <[tonina.simeone@canada.ca](mailto:tonina.simeone@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Hi Val- we are sorting out the financials today. Will get back to you.

Kelley Blanchette, Ph.D.  
 Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Economic Development  
 Sous-ministre adjointe, Terres et développement économique  
 Indigenous Services Canada/ Services aux Autochtones Canada  
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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 8:07 AM  
**To:** Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)

<[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Kamloops

How much funding do we have to put towards this annually

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----- Original message -----

**From:** "Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)" <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>

**Date:** 2021-06-02 6:40 p.m. (GMT-05:00)

**To:** "Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)" <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>, "Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC)" <[joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca](mailto:joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca)>, "Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)" <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>, "Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC)" <[gail.mitchell@canada.ca](mailto:gail.mitchell@canada.ca)>, "Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC)" <[keith.conn@canada.ca](mailto:keith.conn@canada.ca)>, "White2, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC)" <[danielle.white2@canada.ca](mailto:danielle.white2@canada.ca)>, "Thompson, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC)" <[philippe.thompson@canada.ca](mailto:philippe.thompson@canada.ca)>, "Lappe, Catherine (AADNC/AANDC)" <[catherine.lappe@canada.ca](mailto:catherine.lappe@canada.ca)>, "Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC)" <[aruna.sadana@canada.ca](mailto:aruna.sadana@canada.ca)>, "Lavigne3, Maryse (AADNC/AANDC)" <[maryse.lavigne3@canada.ca](mailto:maryse.lavigne3@canada.ca)>, "Bourry, Marie (AADNC/AANDC)" <[marie.bourry@canada.ca](mailto:marie.bourry@canada.ca)>, "Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)" <[carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca)>

**Cc:** "Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC)" <[danielle.belanger@canada.ca](mailto:danielle.belanger@canada.ca)>, "Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)" <[patrick.boucher@canada.ca](mailto:patrick.boucher@canada.ca)>, "Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)" <[tom.wong@canada.ca](mailto:tom.wong@canada.ca)>, "Anderson2, Ashley (AADNC/AANDC)" <[ashley.anderson2@canada.ca](mailto:ashley.anderson2@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Hi everyone,

Attached is the draft LED information note on contaminated sites for your information.

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:05 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

That would work better for me

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**From:** Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC) <[joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca](mailto:joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:03 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

We have a call with CIRNA at 6, so if there's any way to start 15 minutes earlier, that would be great – thank you!

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC) <[anne.wielinga@canada.ca](mailto:anne.wielinga@canada.ca)> **On Behalf Of** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC); Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC); White2, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC); Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC); Thompson, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC); Lappe, Catherine (AADNC/AANDC); Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC); Lavigne3, Maryse (AADNC/AANDC); Bourry, Marie (AADNC/AANDC); Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC); Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC); Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** Kamloops  
**When:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:30 PM-6:15 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** conference call - Please do not forward the invitation-

Sorry for organizing this call so late but I believe most of you are at the PMA EX discussions until 5pm.  
I wanted to give you a bit of a breather but if you prefer, we could have this call at 5 or 5:15pm.....

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 16, 2021 6:12 PM  
**To:** MacPhail, Heather (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC); Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

Thanks Heather so much

The DM expressed preference this morning for CIRNAC or Heritage to fund the cultural ceremony portions so not sure my suggestion of DM reserve is a viable one. Concerning news re COVID cases in the YK for sure. Again I appreciate your push on this

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

----- Original message -----

From: "MacPhail, Heather (SAC/ISC)"  
Date: 2021-06-16 6:02 p.m. (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)"  
Cc: "Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC)" , "Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)"  
Subject: Re: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

Apologies for the second email. I forgot to mention that some Yukon First Nations have already indicated that they will not be attending the event at Lower Post due to COVID-19 related concerns, including the AFN Regional Office. This will likely reduce the funding required for some elements of the request (the food order is being reduced by half).

Heather

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 16, 2021, at 5:53 PM, MacPhail, Heather (SAC/ISC) wrote:

Hi – Just a quick update on this to let you know where things are at with regards to funding and COVID-19.

With regards to funding, we have secured COVID-19 public health funding; however, the Yukon CIRNA/ISC-RO office is also able to fund the COVID-19 related requests through their ICSF advance. They are expecting to receive an ICFS proposal from the Daylu Dena Council later today – we will review with them and determine which source of funds better addresses the needs.

We have sent a request to OPPH to see if there is any funding that could be used to support the \$66k for mental health counseling as well as the \$58k requested for cultural and healing supports. This is in addition to the 22 cultural support workers and 5 mental health professionals that have been identified to provide support at the event (although these numbers are fluctuating a bit due to COVID-19

exposures and those who are now unwilling to travel due to increased cases). CIRNA is also exploring what funding it might have available to support the cultural and healing aspect of the request.

As to the DM Reserve, we're just confirming what pieces may still need to be covered and what Ts and Cs they align with – I'll let you know as soon as possible.

With regards to COVID-19, the news from Yukon isn't good. There are currently 51 active cases - the highest case count since the pandemic began. Most of the cases are in Whitehorse, but there is one active case in Watson Lake (which is the closest community to Lower Post, and where most people would be staying) and another 14 people are self-isolating; the territory is expecting dozens of new cases in the coming days. Also, while vaccination rates in the territory are generally high, there is a pocket around Watson Lake where only 50% of the population is vaccinated. The Chief Medical Officers of Health for BC and Yukon are meeting today to discuss whether the event can be held safely.

I'll let you know as soon as I hear more.

Many thanks

Heather

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2021, at 9:53 PM, Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) wrote:

Thanks so much Heather! And I can only imagine with me contacting you late on Tuesday, it means lots of folks are on it. I would just say that we have a DM reserve and this is the first such event since the discovery in Kamloops – discovery is the wrong word and I am sorry it is late and I am having a challenge coming up with the words to describe the pain – and if we have T&C's that can support, we can find the funds at DM level. I just do not want that to be the issue. I read through our T&C's re primary health care authority and I would say it is on the margins (outside of the COVID-19 public health piece of \$200K which I feel is clear), but I would be willing to recommend to DM. I have contacted Heritage also at DM level.  
Hope you are well – it must be fun to do this role and you deserve it! Val

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**From:** MacPhail, Heather (SAC/ISC)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:49 PM

**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)

**Cc:** Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC)

**Subject:** Re: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

Hi - Requests for this event have come in through a few channels from a few organizations and are circulating around ISC and CIRNA. I'm scheduling a call with CIRNA in Whitehorse tomorrow morning to see what they've already found a source of funding to support, and what's still outstanding.

I agree that there are elements we can support and Northern Region has a bit of loose funding that we may be able to use for some aspects of the requests. I'll send an update tomorrow once I've talked to CIRNA.

Heather

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2021, at 9:25 PM, Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
<[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)> wrote:

Hey Heather am checking with you on this. My view is that we could cover the COVID portions via the public health funds. Have sent to Heritage to see but do you have any ideas with all of your years of experience?

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**From:** Russell, David (AADNC/AANDC) <[david.russell@canada.ca](mailto:david.russell@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:09 PM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>; Russell, Susan (SAC/ISC) <[susan.russell@canada.ca](mailto:susan.russell@canada.ca)>; Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC) <[aruna.sadana@canada.ca](mailto:aruna.sadana@canada.ca)>; Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC) <[joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca](mailto:joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca)>; Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Westmacott, Chad (AADNC/AANDC) <[chad.westmacott@canada.ca](mailto:chad.westmacott@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

Hello Valerie,

Here is the funding request from DDC. Thank you.

David Russell

Burial sites at Indian Residential Schools / Lieux de sépulture des pensionnats indiens

Indigenous Services Canada / Services aux Autochtones Canada  
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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:05 PM  
**To:** Russell, Susan (SAC/ISC) <[susan.russell@canada.ca](mailto:susan.russell@canada.ca)>; Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC) <[aruna.sadana@canada.ca](mailto:aruna.sadana@canada.ca)>; Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC) <[joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca](mailto:joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca)>; Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>; Russell, David (AADNC/AANDC) <[david.russell@canada.ca](mailto:david.russell@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Westmacott, Chad (AADNC/AANDC) <[chad.westmacott@canada.ca](mailto:chad.westmacott@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

Do you have a proposal? I only saw emails with the notional number but if you have a list of items, I may be able to assist

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**From:** Russell, Susan (SAC/ISC) <[susan.russell@canada.ca](mailto:susan.russell@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:54 PM  
**To:** Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC) <[aruna.sadana@canada.ca](mailto:aruna.sadana@canada.ca)>; Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC) <[joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca](mailto:joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca)>; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>; Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>; Russell, David (AADNC/AANDC) <[david.russell@canada.ca](mailto:david.russell@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Westmacott, Chad (AADNC/AANDC) <[chad.westmacott@canada.ca](mailto:chad.westmacott@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

Hi Joanne:

I have checked in on any options for infrastructure, ICSF and Comms and no luck so far. I do know that Danielle was reaching out prior to her



leave to try to find the funding to support the request for the 500 – 1000 teddy bears. She had also suggested PCH as a possibility. I am not sure where that one landed, so have included David Russell in the chain in the event that he has some additional information to assist.

Thanks

Susan

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**From:** Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC) <[aruna.sadana@canada.ca](mailto:aruna.sadana@canada.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:42 PM

**To:** Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC)

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Chad (AADNC/AANDC) <[chad.westmacott@canada.ca](mailto:chad.westmacott@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

What about PCH? They funded some of the Kamloops work?

Merci. Thank you. Meegwetch. Nakurmiik. Maarsi.

Aruna

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**From:** Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC)

<[joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca](mailto:joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca)>

**Sent:** June 15, 2021 5:41 PM

**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>; Fox,

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**Subject:** RE: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

We've looked internally and with Comms and there seems to be no ISC authority – CIRNA is also checking but reticent to use the \$27M fund I understand as it has so many demands already... Chad/Susan, have you heard anything further? Cheers

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>

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**Subject:** RE: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

Do we have a response on funding of the event? They submitted a request to FNHA and I told them to hold off until we could confirm what the GoC may provide.

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**From:** Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:34 PM

**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>;

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**Cc:** Russell, Susan (SAC/ISC) <[susan.russell@canada.ca](mailto:susan.russell@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

FYI

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**From:** Russell, Susan (SAC/ISC) <[susan.russell@canada.ca](mailto:susan.russell@canada.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:14 PM

**To:** Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC)

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**Subject:** Lower Post Residential School June 21 visit

Good Evening:

On the trip call today, it was announced that Minister Miller will not attend the event. It will be Minister Bennett.

Susan

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dione, Jolene (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 10, 2021 3:32 PM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: Message des ministres : Pensionnat de Kamloops / Message from our Ministers: Kamloops Residential School

Hi Val,

Thanks for the quick reply really appreciate it. I think hosting a couple of more of these talking circle over the coming weeks would be really beneficial. I can only imagine how busy your schedule must be every day, I have such a profound respect for you and your position.

At the end of the day I think as Public Servants we do the best we can both in supporting our communities and employees who feel they may not have a voice. I will share with you the message I wrote and read to my senior management team earlier this week. Have a great rest of the wk, and please if you ever need Indigenous employees help (know you can call on me) my sector is supportive of that. (Then again I think you likely get this from a lot of employees lol) ok bye for now 😊 In my own words:

Over the last 10 days Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples have profoundly been saddened and overwhelmed with grief over the uncovering of 215 young souls at the Kamloops residential school.

Through this heavy load of anger, frustration and revictimization there also comes a sense of relief. Relief that a new level of understanding from non-Indigenous people now exists. Also, understanding of the reasons many Indigenous Public Servants many your colleagues have stayed fiercely committed to making positive change wherever we can no matter how hard and challenging it may be at times.

As a nation with a shared history and as Public Servants it is so vitally important for each person to understand the depth and breadth of systems, structures and laws that have attempted to eliminate Indigenous peoples and, when they weren't successful, to ensure we could never thrive as self-determining nations and cultures. Understanding of the vast changes needed in the realms of social justice, rights and title, laws and policies and leadership at all levels of the public service.

Through the grief of the Kamloops discovery and as we brace ourselves for the discoveries that are sure to follow. I'm grateful for colleagues that are mourning with us and committing to meaningful action. As we move forward on what is now a healing journey I encourage each of you to listen and learn about the impacts of residential schools and it's deep interconnectedness with the Child Welfare system we are so eagerly trying to change by supporting Indigenous communities. In addition listen to Indigenous employees and how best to support and recognize them and their realities.

For the young spirits left behind at the Kamloops Residential School and for the ancestors who have come to greet them to take them home we are reminded why our work is so important now more than ever.

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 10, 2021 3:23 PM

**To:** Dione, Jolene (AADNC/AANDC)

**Subject:** RE: Message des ministres : Pensionnat de Kamloops / Message from our Ministers: Kamloops Residential School

Hi Jolene

Yes I was aware and in fact had registered for the session today. Thank you so much for doing it! I ended up being late on the INAN Committee appearance and then had to speak to a colleague in distress. So, I did not think it would be appropriate for me to connect at 2PM. If you have suggestions for us to ramp up supports, I would be absolutely open to actioning those. I attended the closing yesterday of the Sacred Fire and I am going to see if the ceremonial site can remain available. I participated in various employee and management fora in the last few weeks and can feel a shared pain, exhaustion and I would say, some conflicting views on whether there is hope for systemic change.

Let me know what I can do to help.

Val

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**From:** Dione, Jolene (AADNC/AANDC) <[jolene.dione@canada.ca](mailto:jolene.dione@canada.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 2:40 PM

**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Message des ministres : Pensionnat de Kamloops / Message from our Ministers: Kamloops Residential School

Hi Val,

Hope this email finds you well. I am not sure if you were made aware or not but today I hosted an Indigenous Virtual Healing Circle for 2 hours for our Indigenous employees. Last week after speaking with some Indigenous employees who sought me out to speak about the rediscovery of the gravesites in Kamloops it was evident something had to be organized. So alas, I put my mind organize it, and nearly 135 Indigenous employees registered for the event. It was apparent from the session that many many of our Indigenous employees are hurting or feel like they are carrying the extra burden of grief post Kamloops. I think for sure today with the Elder present and his guidance there was some healing for employees or at the very relief a safe place to talk. I think more of these sessions might be key going forward for Indigenous employees

I just wanted to let you know of what is happening at the employee level. I always think its important to keep the doors open of communication between senior management and employees.

And I always know you support us no matter who or where we work.

Thanks for listening. And stay well ☺

Jolene

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**From:** Les sous-ministres, The Deputy Ministers (AADNC/AANDC) <[lessous-ministres.thedeputyministers@canada.ca](mailto:lessous-ministres.thedeputyministers@canada.ca)>

**Sent:** June 10, 2021 2:25 PM

**Subject:** Message des ministres : Pensionnat de Kamloops / Message from our Ministers: Kamloops Residential School

**(English follows)**

Chers collègues, veuillez trouver ci-dessous un message de nos ministres.

**Daniel Quan-Watson**

Sous-ministre, Relations Couronne-Autochtones et Affaires du Nord Canada

**Christiane Fox**

Sous-ministre, Services aux Autochtones Canada

**Paula Isaak**

Sous-ministre déléguée, Relations Couronne-Autochtones et Affaires du Nord Canada

**Valerie Gideon**

Sous-ministre déléguée, Services aux Autochtones Canada

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*Ce message traite de sujets susceptibles de provoquer des traumatismes liés à des souvenirs de mauvais traitements. Nous sommes conscients que certains employés pourraient ne pas vouloir lire la suite afin de minimiser le risque associé au déclenchement de ces traumatismes.*

Chers collègues,

Ces derniers jours nous avons fait face à beaucoup d'émotions difficiles et douloureuses. Le sort de ces jeunes enfants autochtones, morts et enterrés sans que leur famille ne soit mise au courant, nous bouleverse tous. Nous pouvons vous assurer que nous sommes prêts à travailler sans relâche avec vous et avec nos partenaires afin de trouver les réponses nécessaires.

Plusieurs d'entre vous êtes directement touchés par cette nouvelle, que ce soit en raison d'une expérience personnelle dans un pensionnat autochtone ou en raison de l'expérience d'un membre de votre famille immédiate, comme un parent, un oncle, une tante ou un grand-parent). Dans tous les cas, nous souhaitons vous offrir notre soutien inconditionnel.

Nous sommes tellement fiers de votre dévouement quotidien à l'amélioration des conditions de vie des Autochtones et de votre travail acharné pour faire avancer la réconciliation. Nous sommes profondément impressionnés par tout ce que vous accomplissez.

Au cours des dernières années, nous avons assisté à un tournant dans la prise de conscience collective de ce qu'ont vécu et vivent encore les Autochtones. Votre travail prend toute sa signification et sa pleine mesure. Nous continuerons ensemble, plus forts, vers la construction d'un pays uni et inclusif.

Aux équipes en région, aux gestionnaires, aux collègues, votre soutien auprès de vos collègues est très important et nécessaire. Soyez à l'écoute, discutez et veillez les uns sur les autres, surtout sur les employés autochtones.

Si vous avez besoin de soutien psychologique, ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui en aurait besoin, différentes ressources sont offertes, dont la [ligne téléphonique d'aide aux employés](#), au 1-800-268-7708 (pour malentendants – ATS au 1-800-567-5803). Une ligne d'écoute téléphonique de [Résolution des questions de pensionnats indiens](#) offre du soutien aux anciens élèves des pensionnats. Jour et nuit, vous pouvez accéder à des services de soutien affectif et d'aiguillage en situation de crise en composant le 1-866-925-4419. Les employés autochtones peuvent aussi rejoindre la ligne d'écoute d'espoir pour le mieux-être au 1-855-242-3310 ou clavarder en ligne sur leur site (pour accéder à leur site Web, veuillez copier et coller l'hyperlien suivant dans votre navigateur Web : <https://www.espoirpourlemieuxetre.ca>).

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Ministre des Affaires du Nord

L'honorable Marc Miller  
Ministre des Services aux Autochtones Canada

Dear colleagues, please find below a message from our Ministers.

**Daniel Quan-Watson**  
Deputy Minister, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

**Christiane Fox**

Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada

**Paula Isaak**

Associate Deputy Minister, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

**Valerie Gideon**

Associate Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada

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Dear colleagues,

These past few days we have had to face a lot of emotion and a lot of pain. The fate of these young Indigenous children, who have died and were buried anonymously without their families knowing about them, is devastating to all of us. We can assure you that we will work tirelessly with you and our partners to find the necessary answers.

Many of us have been directly affected by this news, either because of personal experiences at a residential school or because of the experience of a direct family member, such as a parent, uncle, aunt or grandparent. We want to assure you of our unconditional support.

We are so proud of your daily dedication to help improving the lives of Indigenous Peoples and your hard work to advance reconciliation. We are deeply impressed by everything you do.

Over the past years, we have witnessed a turning point in the collective awareness of what Indigenous Peoples have experienced and continue to experience, and your work takes on its full meaning and its full measure. We will continue all together—stronger—to build a united and inclusive country.

To regional teams, managers and colleagues, your support for your peers is very important and necessary. Listen, discuss and watch out for each other, especially Indigenous employees.

If you need support—or know someone who does—different resources are available to you through the [Employee Assistance Program](#), which you can reach by calling 1-800-268-7708 (or TTY for people with hearing impairments at 1-800-567-5803). A [National Indian Residential School Crisis Line](#) is available to provide support to former residential school students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-Hour National Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419. Indigenous employees can also access the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310, or connect to the online chat through their website (to access the website, please copy and paste the following link into your browser: <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca>).

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Minister of Northern Affairs

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Minister of Indigenous Services Canada



## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 1, 2021 10:09 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC); Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** Re: Pensionnat de Kamloops / Kamloops Residential School

We will draft something to go later this week... a lot of announcements that may trigger over the next two days.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2021, at 9:52 PM, Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) wrote:

Adding Aruna. I spoke to the Minister and he agreed to send a message. Mike also supportive but would like comms message vetted by Kathy on his team prior to it being sent out, which I said would not be a problem.

Aruna, can your team draft?

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 8:59 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) ; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) ; Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: Pensionnat de Kamloops / Kamloops Residential School

Personally...I think a message of support and to acknowledge that this is difficult and recognizing that there is a lot of pain and hurt out there and to show empathy is always a good thing. And to provide the space, time and supports to deal with it, for those who are ready to (as it will be a personal thing at the end of the day) is a good thing.

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 8:00 PM  
**To:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <[patrick.boucher@canada.ca](mailto:patrick.boucher@canada.ca)>; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC) <[keith.conn@canada.ca](mailto:keith.conn@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Pensionnat de Kamloops / Kamloops Residential School

Trying to find ways to reach out. Do you think a Ministerial message to our teams, with a focus on Indigenous employees would be well received? Maybe we time it for late this week, and flag it as a week after the discovery, a recognition of the pain and suffering people are going through as they absorb it....

Thoughts? I am pretty sure he would be very happy to do it if we ask.

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <[patrick.boucher@canada.ca](mailto:patrick.boucher@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:33 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)

<valerie.gideon@canada.ca>

**Cc:** Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC) <keith.conn@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)

<eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>

**Subject:** FW: Pensionnat de Kamloops / Kamloops Residential School

A lot of hurt out there and with our employees.

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**From:** Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:31 PM

**To:** Laboucan, Rhonda (SAC/ISC) <rhonda.laboucan@canada.ca>; Andrews, Jocelyn (SAC/ISC) <jocelyn.andrews@canada.ca>; Smith, Pam (SAC/ISC) <pam.smith@canada.ca>; Best, Garry (SAC/ISC) <garry.best@canada.ca>; Peddle, Katrina (SAC/ISC) <katrina.peddle@canada.ca>; Dumulon, Louis (SAC/ISC) <louis.dumulon@canada.ca>; MacPhail, Heather (SAC/ISC) <heather.macphail@canada.ca>; Doidge, Scott (SAC/ISC) <scott.doidge@canada.ca>; Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>; Adams, Evan (SAC/ISC) <evan.adams@canada.ca>; Gillis, Leila (SAC/ISC) <leila.gillis@canada.ca>; Castonguay, Julien (SAC/ISC) <julien.castonguay@canada.ca>; Romain, Stéphane (SAC/ISC) <stephane.romain@canada.ca>; Bergeron, Curtis (SAC/ISC) <curtis.bergeron@canada.ca>; Dubois, Dean (SAC/ISC) <dean.dubois@canada.ca>; Romain, Stéphane (SAC/ISC) <stephane.romain@canada.ca>; Jeans2, Terry (SAC/ISC) <terry.jeans2@canada.ca>; Hayward, Tara Jane (SAC/ISC) <tarajane.hayward@canada.ca>; Kauffeldt, Sarah (SAC/ISC) <sarah.kauffeldt@canada.ca>; Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC) <keith.conn@canada.ca>

**Subject:** Pensionnat de Kamloops / Kamloops Residential School

Colleagues – further to the email sent from our Deputies the other day, I would encourage you to check-in with your teams and to create the space needed to grieve, discuss and share...related to the terrible news that has shaken many of us and many of our colleagues.

If regions and directorates require Elder support for staff either individually or through sharing circles, I've spoken to Stéphane Romain from our Branch and he will be available to help facilitate those supports through the Iskotew Lodge and to secure Elder services through Ishkonigan. We have a great circle of Elders that could assist.

Take care of yourself and of each other!

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Collègues - suite au courriel envoyé l'autre jour par nos Sous-ministres, je vous encourage à faire le point avec vos équipes et à créer l'espace nécessaire pour faire le deuil, discuter et partager... en rapport avec les terribles nouvelles qui ont secoué beaucoup d'entre nous et beaucoup de nos collègues.

Si les régions ou les directions générale ont besoin du soutien d'un aîné pour votre personnel, que ce soit individuellement ou par le biais d'un cercles de partage, j'ai parlé à Stéphane Romain de notre secteur et il sera disponible pour aider à faciliter ces soutiens par le biais de la Loge Iskotew et pour obtenir des services d'aînés par le biais d'Ishkonigan. Nous avons un grand cercle d'aînés qui pourraient vous aider.

Prenez soin de vous et des uns des autres!

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**From:** Les sous-ministres, The Deputy Ministers (AADNC/AANDC) <lessous-ministres.thedeputyministers@canada.ca>

**Sent:** 2021-05-28 6:00 PM

**Subject:** Pensionnat de Kamloops / Kamloops Residential School  
(English follows)

*Ce message traite de sujets susceptibles de provoquer des traumatismes évoqués par des souvenirs d'abus passés. Nous reconnaissons que certains employés peuvent ne pas vouloir continuer à lire pour minimiser le risque associé au déclenchement de ces traumatismes.*

Chers collègues,

C'est avec beaucoup de tristesse que nous avons appris la découverte de 215 corps d'enfants sur le site d'un ancien pensionnat à Kamloops, en Colombie-Britannique.

Nos pensées vont aujourd'hui vers la Première Nation Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, ainsi que toutes les personnes touchées directement ou indirectement par cette découverte macabre et par l'héritage du système des pensionnats.

Cela nous rappelle un chapitre très sombre de notre histoire. Mais nous devons continuer à travailler avec les survivants et les familles des victimes afin de rebâtir une relation basée sur la reconnaissance de leurs droits, le respect, la collaboration et la confiance. Nos ministères se sont adressés à des partenaires, comme l'Autorité sanitaire des Premières Nations, pour offrir toute l'aide qu'ils peuvent fournir.

Cette affaire est loin d'être qu'un événement purement historique. Plusieurs de ces enfants enterrés ont possiblement des parents, des frères ou sœurs, des nièces, des neveux et d'autres membres de leurs familles qui sont toujours vivants aujourd'hui et qui se demanderont si leurs êtres chers sont parmi ceux et celles qui ont été trouvés. Plusieurs des aspects de ces événements continueront d'être traumatisants, loin dans le futur.

Si vous avez besoin de soutien psychologique, ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui en aurait besoin, différentes ressources sont offertes, dont la [ligne téléphonique d'aide aux employés](#), au 1-800-268-7708 (pour malentendants - ATS au 1-800-567-5803). Une ligne d'écoute téléphonique de [Résolution des questions de pensionnats indiens](#) offre du soutien aux anciens élèves des pensionnats. Jour et nuit, vous pouvez accéder à des services de soutien affectif et d'aiguillage en situation de crise en composant le 1-866-925-4419. Les employés autochtones peuvent aussi rejoindre la ligne d'écoute d'espoir pour le mieux-être au 1-855-242-3310 ou clavarder en ligne sur leur site (pour accéder à leur site Web, veuillez copier et coller l'hyperlien suivant dans votre navigateur Web : <https://www.espoirpourelmieuxetre.ca/>).

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Dear colleagues,

It was with great sadness that we learned of the discovery of 215 children's bodies at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Our thoughts today are with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all those directly and indirectly affected by this unsettling discovery and by the legacy of the residential school

system.

This reminds us of a very dark chapter in our history, but we must continue to work with survivors and the families of those lost to rebuild a relationship based on recognition of their rights, respect, collaboration and trust. Our departments have reached out to partners, such as the First Nations Health Authority, to offer any assistance they can.

This is of course much more than a historical issue. Many of those 215 buried children may have parents, siblings, nieces, nephews and other family members still living today who may have no knowledge of what happened to their loved ones and who will be asking themselves if they are among those who have been discovered. Many aspects of these traumatic events remain very real today and will continue to do so well into the future.

If you need support—or know someone who does—different resources are available to you through the Employee Assistance Program, which you can reach by calling 1-800-268-7708 (or TTY for people with hearing impairments at 1-800-567-5803). A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide support to former residential school students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-Hour National Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419. Indigenous employees can also access the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310, or connect to the online chat through their website (to access the web site, please copy and paste the following link in your browser: <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/>).

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**Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 5:13 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** Emailing: EOC - Kamloops (002)  
**Attachments:** EOC - Kamloops (002).docx

Gail has added a bit. - no concerns. Okay to send out for the 5:30 meeting?

Your message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

EOC - Kamloops (002)

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

## **Proposal for a Response Team:**

### **Findings of Children's Remains at Indian Residential Schools**

June 2021

#### **Issue:**

- The finding of children's remains at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School has raised the profile of the issues surrounding missing children and burial information in relation to the legacy of residential schools in Canada.
- While Crown-Indigenous Relations has a leadership role in the Government's response and forward strategy, Indigenous Services Canada is heavily implicated, and in particular with respect to:
  - Its program streams, and in particular, land and environment, mental health and healing, child and family services, education and associated investments
  - Its regional presence
  - Its policy direction, ensuring alignment with other initiatives (MMIWG CFJ, UNDRIP, justice and policing etc) and providing evidence-based advice to Ministers
  - Its litigation management strategy
  - Its relationships with partners – Indigenous partners, PTs, CAs/OGDs (esp CIRNA and PCH), survivors and families, international organizations including UN
  - Its strategic communications with regional, national and international media
  - Its staff complement, with a high percentage of Indigenous employees dedicated to Indigenous issues
- Given the whole-of-ISC implications in responding to the TRC Calls to Action (in particular 71-76), it is recommended that the Department launch a tiger team to coordinate ISC response and contribute to the broader Government effort.

#### **Mandate:**

- To support the Minister and the Deputies in setting strategic direction and prioritizing actions and resources, aligning with other whole of government efforts to address the TRC Calls to Action
- To be accountable for tracking the Department's actions that demonstrate progress against TRC Calls to Action
- To provide leadership on behalf of ISC as the point of contact with CIR on coordinated response
- To support whole-of-ISC governance to ensure a timely, coordinated and sustained response
- To provide a single point of entry/exit on information and directions with respect to the response
  - With Regions
  - With CAs and OGDs (especially CIR, PCH, Justice, Public Safety)
  - With Indigenous partners
  - With PTs, including development of FPT coordinated response strategies, where appropriate;
- To support sectors in their engagements
- Be culturally-safe, trauma and violence informed

**Organization:**

- Given the whole-of-ISC, cross-sectoral implications, it is suggested that the Response Team be situated within the Strategic Policy and Partnerships Sector (SPP)
- The Team would be:
  - Headed by an Executive (suggest EX-03 level), reporting directly to the ADM, Strategic Policy & Partnerships
  - 4 temporary full-time FTEs (suggest one FTE with experience in each of policy, operations, engagement including Indigenous and PT) – micro-missions
  - Leverage a broader network across the department, with designated contacts in each of the Department's sectors and functions

**Next Steps:**

- Confirm establishment of team in SPP
- Identify lead Executive, and nominate FTEs
- Identify sector/functional points of contact
- Note to Minister on organization and early deliverables, including:
  - Governance
  - Go-Forward Strategy, with Short- and Medium-Term Deliverables, including: recommended outreach, research/analysis, and decisions required, timing

**Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 11:27 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** EOC - Kamloops  
**Attachments:** EOC - Kamloops.docx

Here's a quick one-pager on what an "Incident Response Team" could look like.

I shared with Gail, who was comfortable as something to get the ball rolling.

I understand (from emails last night) that LED may also see themselves as lead – the one-pager identifies SPP as lead/point of coordination, given whole-of-ISC response, so may need to reflect on that decision point.

Happy to discuss – I haven't shared beyond you and Gail (and Geni!) for the moment.



## **Proposal for an Incident Command Team:**

### **Response to Discovery of Children's Remains at Indian Residential School Sites**

June 2021

#### **Issue:**

- The discovery of children's remains at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School has raised the profile of the issues surrounding missing children and burial information in relation to the legacy of residential schools in Canada.
- While Crown-Indigenous Relations has a leadership role in the Government's response and forward strategy, Indigenous Services Canada is heavily implicated, and in particular with respect to:
  - Its program streams, and in particular, land and environment, mental health, child and family services, education
  - Its regional presence
  - Its relationships with partners – Indigenous partners, PTs, CAs/OGDs (esp CIRNA and PCH)
  - Its staff complement, with a high percentage of Indigenous employees and employees dedicated to Indigenous issues
- Given the whole-of-ISC implications in managing this file, it is recommended that the Department stand up an Incident Command Team to coordinate ISC response and contribute to the broader Government effort.

#### **Mandate:**

- To support the Minister and the Deputies in setting strategic directions and tracking the Department's contributions on this file
- To be the point of contact with CIR on coordinated response
- To support whole-of-ISC governance to ensure a coordinated and efficient response
- To provide a single point of entry/exit on information with respect to the Kamloops response
  - With Regions
  - With CAs and OGDs (especially CIR and PHC)
  - With Indigenous partners
  - With PTs
- To support sectors in their engagements on the file

#### **Organization:**

- Given the whole-of-ISC, cross-sectoral implications, it is suggested that the Incident Command Team be situated within the Strategic Policy and Partnerships Sector (SPP)
- The Team would be:
  - Headed by an Executive (classification tbd, but suggest EX-02 or EX-03 level), reporting directly to the ADM, Strategic Policy & Partnerships (LED has suggested a name)
  - 3-4 temporary full-time FTEs (suggest one FTE in experience in each of policy, operations, engagement) – either on assignment or more informally "on loan"
  - Leverage a broader network across the department, with designated contacts in each of the Department's sectors and functions

**Next Steps:**

- Confirm establishment of team in SPP
- Identify lead Executive, and nominate FTEs
- Identify sector/functional points of contact
- Note to Minister on organization and early deliverables, including:
  - Governance
  - Go-Forward Strategy, with Short- and Medium-Term Deliverables, including: recommended outreach, research/analysis, and decisions required

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 4:47 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC); Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** For 5:00 - FPT Meeting  
**Attachments:** FPT DMs Kamloops June 2021 Agenda.docx; FA-IGRD-SPP###-Kamloops Residential School-FPT Mtg of Indig Affairs DMs\_ 7June2021-Agenda\_draft (005).docx

See draft FPT invitation and agenda attached.

Note that it seems to be focused on ISC – not sure if this is an ISC-led meeting or a joint ISC-CIR-led meeting?

Thanks,  
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**From:** Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC) <gail.mitchell@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 4:35 PM  
**To:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Newman, Lynne (AADNC/AANDC) <lynne.newman@canada.ca>; Patterson, Keith (AADNC/AANDC) <keith.patterson@canada.ca>; Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC) <danielle.belanger@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: revised agenda

Hi Carolyn

Attached is a draft package for consideration. You will note that we have lined up the key players to speak to the issues.

Thanks

**Invitation**

Bonjour chers collègues,

À la suite de l'annonce de la découverte dévastatrice au pensionnat de Kamloops, j'aimerais vous inviter à discuter des développements et des stratégies pour aborder la question des pensionnats alors que nous essayons tous de naviguer sur la voie à suivre.

Au cours de cette réunion, nous partagerons des informations sur les outils et les soutiens fédéraux que nous pouvons exploiter et quelques réflexions initiales sur la façon dont nous pouvons coordonner les efforts.

Je compte sur vous pour partager les demandes et les réactions reçues au sein de votre juridiction, ce que votre gouvernement pourrait envisager comme réponse et quelles opportunités pourraient se présenter pour former des partenariats.

Je comprends qu'il s'agisse d'un préavis plutôt court, mais j'attends avec impatience votre contribution à cette importante discussion.

[Nos pensées vont toujours à la Première Nation Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc et à tous ceux qui sont directement et indirectement touchés par cette découverte troublante et par l'héritage du système des pensionnats.]

Christiane Renard  
Sous-ministre, Services aux Autochtones Canada

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Good Afternoon Colleagues,

Following the announcement of the devastating discovery at the Kamloops Indian residential school, I would like to invite you to discuss developments and strategies to address the residential schools issue as we all try to navigate the path forward.

During this meeting, we will share information about departmental tools and supports that can be leveraged and some initial thoughts on how we may coordinate efforts.

I am looking to you to share requests and reactions received within your jurisdiction, what your government may be considering as a response, and what opportunities might arise for partnership.

I appreciate this is rather short notice but I look forward to your input in this important discussion.

[Our thoughts continue to be with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all those directly and indirectly affected by this unsettling discovery and by the legacy of the residential school system.]

Christiane Fox  
Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 4, 2021 9:11 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** FW: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response  
**Attachments:** GOC Governance - Kamloops Response.docx  
  
**Importance:** High

Made the one revision, below:

o Daily meetings of lead Assistant Deputy Ministers (Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services Canada, Canadian Heritage), currently being convened by Crown-Indigenous Relations

Gail just texted that she's fine with it. Okay if she shares with Martin R, or would you like to share with DM Q-W (and other DMs) first?

Thanks,  
Carolyn

-----Original Message-----

From: Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
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Subject: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response  
Importance: High

Chris asked last night for a piece on broader whole-of-government governance (attached). She reviewed this morning and is comfortable, but asked me to share with you for any comments before she sends to PCO/DMs.

Are you able to review on a priority basis this morning?

Thanks,  
Carolyn

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# **Governance and Coordination of Federal Response:**

## **Discovery of Children's Remains at Indian Residential Schools**

June 2021

### **Context:**

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- The finding of children's remains at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School has raised the profile of the issues surrounding missing children and burial information in relation to the legacy of residential schools in Canada.
- The Government of Canada approach will require a coordinated response across the federal family, with shared objectives, clear roles & responsibilities, and strong governance and oversight mechanisms.

### **Shared Objectives:**

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- To ensure *reliable and comprehensive information* to inform actions and decisions by senior officials and Ministers (requests for assistance, outreach to partners, etc.)
- To be *nimble and responsive to requests* for assistance from Indigenous groups, communities and organizations in responding to needs emerging from the Kamloops discovery, while ensuring *due diligence* in the allocation of federal funding
- To provide a *single, integrated window* for partners, including Indigenous and PT partners, and leveraging *opportunities for collaboration* whenever possible
- To provide *culturally-safe, trauma-informed approaches* across the spectrum of federal government responses and actions
- To provide a *seamless, whole-of-government response* in engaging our partners, and in the development and communication of the Government's response more broadly

### **Roles & Responsibilities:**

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- The Government response will implicate central agencies, lead departments, and a broad range of supporting departments and agencies, including:
  - The *Privy Council Office (PCO)*, led by Operations Branch and working with PCO colleagues such as Plans and Consultations, Results & Delivery and Intergovernmental Affairs, in convening the federal family in support of Cabinet (including the Cabinet Committee on Reconciliation) and the Prime Minister
  - *Finance Canada and the Treasury Board Secretariat*, in ensuring sufficient funds in support of the federal response, and the necessary flexibilities in Government programming
  - *Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada*, as the lead department on the Government's response to the legacy of residential schools, and to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (and in particular Calls to Action 72-76)
  - *Indigenous Services Canada*, with a broad footprint for the delivery of programs and services to Indigenous people and communities, including with respect to land and environment, child and family services, education and social programs, mental health and Jordan's Principle

- It is important to note the Regional Offices of both Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services Canada will be particularly instrumental in engaging partners, assessing needs and delivering federal responses.
- *Canadian Heritage*, whose Celebration, Commemoration and Learning programming provided the Paths to Healing grant to Tk'emlups te Secwepemc for the ground-penetrating radar that uncovered the buried children at the site of the Kamloops Residential School
- *Justice Canada*, who will be responsible for the legal and litigation management issues, including the investigation by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity
- *Other government departments and agencies*, as may be required to inform and support the Government's response (e.g., Transport Canada in restricting the air space over the school, OCHRO in supporting federal public servants, especially Indigenous public servants)

### **Governance & Oversight:**

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- Given the urgency, the complexity, and the fundamental importance of the Government's response, strong whole-of-government governance and oversight is required on an immediate basis.
- It is proposed that this governance be anchored in:
  - *Daily meetings* of lead Assistant Deputy Ministers (Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services Canada, Canadian Heritage), currently being convened by Crown-Indigenous Relations
  - *Regular (twice weekly) meetings of a core group of Deputy Ministers*, including the Deputy Secretary (Operations) at the Privy Council Office, and the Deputy Ministers of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services, and Justice Canada
    - The Deputy Secretary (Operations) will ensure regular reporting to the Interim Clerk of the Privy Council
    - Additional Deputies will be engaged as required to inform Government response
    - Secretariat support could be provided by an interdepartmental team, embedded within PCO, to coordinate information and analysis from across departments, with a model similar to PCO's COVID Secretariat
  - *Four Corners meetings as required*, with officials from key departments and Minister's Officers, to frame issues and consider options
  - Updates to the *Cabinet Committee on Reconciliation*, and/or full Cabinet, as required and as appropriate over the summer months
- At the same time, it is anticipated that *each key department of agency will organize itself* for its own operations and response, while also supporting full participation in whole-of-Government governance, coordination and response.
  - In the case of *Indigenous Services Canada*, a small task team is being established, reporting to its Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Partnerships, and leveraging a broader network of designated subject matter experts across the department. The team would support the Minister and the Deputies in setting strategic directions, prioritizing actions and resources, and aligning with other whole of government efforts to address the TRC Calls to Action and the reconciliation agenda more broadly.
- It is also suggested that the Deputy Ministers of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services convene their *provincial/territorial counterparts* to share information and identify

opportunities to collaborate in their responses. A first such meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2021.

- Existing forums would be leveraged for ongoing engagement with National Indigenous Organizations and other Indigenous partners, with additional engagement effectively coordinated between Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services Canada to ensure common messaging and integrated response

**Next Steps:**

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- *Share draft approach* among key federal partners, including PCO, Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services Canada
- *Confirm approach to governance*, including participation and frequency for Deputy Minister-level calls, and associated Secretariat support
- *Identify core documents*, including: dashboard of requests for assistance; tracking of engagement with partners; strategic communications and engagement plan; overview of existing options for federal supports
- *Return to Cabinet*, with a proposed strategy for managing the federal response in the short (summer) and medium terms.

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**Attachments:** PT Reactions to Kamloops Residential School Discovery.docx

Here's the first installment from Lynne's group – If you like, I can boil it down to key points (it's a bit lengthy). Additional info from Regions trickling in.

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Draft 1 attached. Largely off we can we can see publicly for now.

DMO: please note that Gail has not yet had an opportunity to review.

Have called out to regions. Stuff starting to trickle in but suspect it will be another day.

Lynne



### Provincial-Territorial Reactions to the Kamloops Residential School Announcement

Province/Territory	Commitments/Initiatives	General Information/Advocacy
BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at Legislature flown at half-mast.</li> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li><b>Premier Horgan</b> will be visiting the northern B.C. community of Lower Post on June 21, National Indigenous People Day, for the demolishing of a former residential school there. It will start the process of building a new community centre, supported by both the federal and provincial government.</li> <li><b>Premier Horgan</b> repeated his government's responsibility to implement the 94 calls to action in the TRC noting the government's commitment through mandate letters, work being done, and the adoption of UNDRIP.</li> <li><b>B.C. provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry</b> committed to meeting with her teams to discuss further steps and work to implement more of the calls to action and rights outlined in United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</li> <li>Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Minister Murray Rankin said he has spoken with Chief Rosanne Casimir to offer support to the Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation received a grant from <a href="#">B.C.'s Pathway to Healing program</a>, which allowed the nation to pay for ground-penetrating radar in finding the 215 children.</li> <li>BC government opposition (most notably, Green MLA Adam Olsen, member of the Tsartlip First Nation, and Liberal MLA, Ellis Ross member of the Haisla First Nation) have criticized Premier Horgan for being too slow to make meaningful moves towards reconciliation.</li> <li>The Union of BC Chiefs sent a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau demanding that he take leadership in ensuring appropriate and concrete steps are taken to establish a proper response. Specifically, they are calling for a legal framework governing the protection and investigation of the unmarked mass burial site. This framework will be used to address other mass burial sites which they anticipate to be found. The letter also noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass and unmarked graves are clear evidence of the commission of massive human rights and humanitarian law violations</li> <li>The unmarked burial site points to violations of 'last rites' and the denial of burial rights and respectful handling of human remains of Indigenous people.</li> <li>Immediate action must be taken in full partnership with First Nations to identify, seize and control all records of the school to ensure they inform the investigation needed.</li> <li>BC must provide a verified list of all known locations of mass graves, and a proactive search for additional sites, including those that might have</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Province/Territory	Commitments/Initiatives	General Information/Advocacy
		been desecrated or concealed by religious or state officials.
<b>Alberta</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Flags lowered to half-mast at municipal buildings across the province.</u></li> <li>• <u>Alberta government</u> intends to fund research into the undocumented deaths and burials of hundreds of Indigenous children who did not make their way home. The details of that funding will be announced in the coming days.</li> <li>• <u>Effective immediately</u>, Alberta survivors of the residential school system who want to reclaim their traditional Indigenous names will never be required to pay for a fee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Alberta Teachers Association</u> asked all teachers to wear orange on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.</li> <li>• <u>The Remembering the Children Society</u>, which has worked for over a decade to identify and mark the forgotten graves on the site of the former Red Deer Indian Industrial School, would like to hire a company to do the ground-penetrating radar needed to identify all the graves at the site.</li> <li>• <u>Nineteen</u> graves have been located so far, but 69 students are recorded to have died at the Red Deer Indian Industrial School, according to the memorial register kept by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.</li> <li>• The provincial government has purchased the Red Deer Indian Industrial School graveyard site and is negotiating with First Nations groups. Alberta government officials want to gain consensus on what the next step should be from the eight First Nations and Métis communities that the deceased students came from.</li> </ul>
<b>Manitoba</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Flags</u> at the province's legislature and Memorial Park were lowered to honour the lives lost and the building was lit in Orange.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>• <u>Eileen Clarke</u>, the Indigenous and Northern Relations Minister, said the province could help as part of Manitoba's reconciliation strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs</u> feels the Premier's response was delayed and emotionless, and ultimately, disrespectful.</li> <li>• Manitoba's <u>NDP and Liberal parties</u> are calling on the Pallister government to provide resources to search all former residential school grounds in the province for unmarked burial sites.</li> </ul>
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flags at provincial Legislature are being flown at half-mast.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>• <u>Premier Scott Moe</u> fully supports the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) call for the Government of Canada to immediately commence research on undocumented deaths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per the FSIN, the initial sites for the search should include Muskowekwan Indian Residential School (IRS), Onion Lake St. Anthony's IRS, Beauval IRS, Guy Hill IRS, Lebret IRS and Sturgeon Landing IRS, along with additional sites in consultation with First Nations in Saskatchewan.</li> <li>• <u>The province</u> has recently acted to protect cemeteries at residential school sites in Saskatchewan. In 2019, the</li> </ul>

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	<p>and burials in residential schools in Saskatchewan, including radar ground search at residential school sites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on undocumented deaths and burials in residential schools is being led by FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron and the Saskatchewan government is prepared to assist, help, support in any way possible. If Saskatchewan does have unmarked sites, the government wants to work as quickly as possible to identify who may be in those sites</li> <li>• Premier Moe states: With an estimated 20 federal residential schools operated in Saskatchewan, meaningful reconciliation in our province must include research into the estimated hundreds of children that did not return home after attending these institutions, including radar ground search. Saskatchewan is prepared to support this work through the Ministry of First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs in collaboration with the FSIN and First Nations in Saskatchewan.</li> </ul>	<p>Battleford Industrial School Cemetery, the resting place for at least 74 children who died while attending the institution, was marked as a Provincial Heritage Property. Similarly, the Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery, the resting place of approximately 36 children, was designated a Provincial Heritage Property in 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The last residential school in Canada, located in Saskatchewan, closed in 1996.</li> </ul>
Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Flags</a> at all provincial and municipal government buildings flown at half-mast.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ford Government</a> committed to searching and excavating former residential school sites across Ontario.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Progressive Conservative</a> House Leader Paul Calandra said the government looks forward to working with First Nations to ensure that grounds get searched, and said he would work alongside the opposition on creating a day of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Ontario legislature</a> on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 unanimously agreed to grant Indigenous New Democrat MPP Sol Mamakwa 10 minutes to speak about the children who died. However, Premier Ford was called out for not being present during the speech.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Previous</a> liberal government in 2016 had committed to update primary and secondary school curricula to reflect the legacy of residential schools in collaboration with Indigenous partners but this decision was reversed by the Ford government in 2018.</li> </ul>

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	mourning. No funding amounts or timelines have been provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Education</a> minister Stephen Lecce says the curriculum was updated in 2019 with First Nation, Metis and Inuit culture but Indigenous stakeholders say this was a one-sided process and done without meaningful consultation and collaboration.</li> </ul>
<b>Quebec</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flags lowered to half-mast at municipal buildings across the province</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Quebec's Indigenous Affairs Minister</a> said that the province is open to searching the grounds of former residential schools for graves, if survivors and their families are in favour. The Minister's office has started reaching out to families, Indigenous leaders and his federal counterpart to discuss the possibility.</li> <li>• A first step would involve securing the sites of the former residential schools, four of which are currently located on Indigenous lands. However, the Indigenous Affairs Minister said the province would wait for a green light from the families before doing so.</li> <li>• The intention of the province would be to follow the lead of Indigenous communities, families, partners, and leadership instead of imposing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While some aspects of the operation fall under federal responsibility, Quebec would be willing to provide logistical and technological support and pair that with the knowledge of Elders from First Nations.</li> </ul>
<b>New Brunswick</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premier Higgs has asked that flags at the legislature and all provincial buildings to be lowered at half-mast. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>• Premier Higgs announced the province will investigate NB's Indian day schools and ask if any children "did not make it home" after attending. Minister Dunn noted that no timeline, budget, or details have been finalized. Chiefs of</li> </ul>	

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	<p>St. Mary's First Nation, Natoaganeg, and Amlagog stated that the province needs to work with Indigenous communities in implementing the TRC recommendations. <a href="#">Article</a>.</p>	
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flags on all government buildings will fly at half-mast.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>• Minister Dempster has spoken with Indigenous leaders and the province is willing to survey all residential schools and orphanages in the province, though there has been no formal request. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> <li>• Premier Furey is still planning to apologize to residential school survivors (a commitment made by Premier Ball in 2017), though cited the pandemic as a reason for the delay. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> <li>• Premier Furey is hopeful that the inquiry into Innu children in NFLD childcare system will begin this year, with money already set aside in the budget. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, all provincial buildings lowered flags to half-mast for 215 hours, until sunset on June 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative and the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs issued a joint statement on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 saying ground-penetrating radar has been used at the former site of the Shubenacadie residential school, but no graves or human remains have been found. Archaeological investigations continue at the site north of Halifax.</li> <li>• The group also said is looking at other possible locations to search with radar, including a nearby lake.</li> </ul>
<b>PEI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All government administrative buildings and schools will be lowering their flags to half-mast until sunset June 8; one hour for every child who</li> </ul>	

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	<p>life was lost on the grounds of former Kamloops Residential School. <a href="#">Tweet</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul>	
<b>Yukon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flags on all Yukon government buildings will fly at half-mast for 215 hours.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>• Premier Silver says the territory will stand in support of all Indigenous communities as they continue to search for and uncover evidence of the harms committed against them by governments and churches throughout Canada. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous leadership in Yukon are calling on the territorial and federal governments to commit to assisting with locating and identifying residential school burial sites and remains</li> </ul>
<b>NWT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flags at all territorial buildings flown at half-mast.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>• NWT Government will support Indigenous leaders who want to find unmarked burial sites, including bringing a proposal to Indigenous governments to assist them in research projects to document and protect residential cemeteries. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> <li>• Premier Caroline Cochrane committed to bringing this idea forward at the Territory's multilateral table which includes Indigenous leadership, citing that it is not her place to make the decision to find the unmarked burial sites for Indigenous partners. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> <li>• Premier Cochrane also committed to pressing the federal government once a strategy is developed in NWT with Indigenous leadership. The Premier said she will speak with Prime Minister Trudeau about the federal government's obligations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GNWT has been consulting with Indigenous governments on the implementation of UNDRIP and will meet again on June 11.</li> </ul>

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Nunavut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government of Nunavut to lower all its flags to half-mast for nine days - the equivalent of an hour for each of the 215 children found.</li> <li>• No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul>	

## Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)

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**Subject:** Kamloops follow-up  
**Attachments:** Sector Working Group Contacts.docx; GOC Governance - Kamloops Response.docx

Hi, Chris. I had an MS Teams meeting with Gail, Danielle Belanger & Lynne Newman late this aft, to get an update on their organization around Kamloops response.

A quick update:

- **Task Force within SPP:** Danielle Belanger is leading, as you know, with David Russell (from RO) being loaned to the TF from RO-BC, and Danielle drawing from her existing team (3 FTEs) for the time being. Danielle flagged a concern about resources – she has taken people off of other files (esp MTP), which may not be sustainable over the summer
- **Response Team** – what they are calling the “network” of “go to” people embedded in the sectors. They will be meeting twice weekly, and I have asked to attend as well. Current list attached FYI – still waiting on a LED contact (and I have raised that if Regional folks are not directly involved in the TF then we will need an excellent sub-network of Regional contacts – so we have eyes and ears on the ground
- **FPT follow-up** – there were three discrete follow-ups federal deputies agreed to share: (1) Short descriptions/links to relevant federal programs; (2) Requests received from communities by jurisdiction (bilateral); and (3) Details on available mental health supports and key statistics.
  - SPP is coordinating and they are targeting having (1) and (3) for you to send before end of week, translated, but thinking that (2) may need to follow next week.
- **Other follow-up** – we discussed key pieces: Danielle is exploring a dashboard that can be updated weekly or more frequently. In my mind, I think key pieces are:
  - What the **federal government** has to offer (a map of programs, authorities, funding), building on what we will share with PTs post-FPTI
  - What the **PTs are offering**, building on their existing tracker done for the FPT meeting
  - **Tracker of incoming requests/outgoing supports**, flagging those that are the subject of partnership with PTs, municipalities or others
  - **Maybe a calendar of meetings and events** – I’m already thinking June 12 annt in Quebec (?), June 21 Lower Post, end of June release of Kamloops report, etc. etc.
  - I was also thinking of a **map of the 139 (?) residential school sites**, delineating the ones flagged by TRC as likely having unmarked graves
  - Anything else top of mind? Apparently, CFRDO has pulled together a **list of investments** but I haven’t seen it yet.



- **Upcoming meetings** – not sure if you want to start to call additional DM-level meetings, or if PCO/CIR will be doing so:
  - Re-attaching the governance doc, but not sure if that is now the plan?
  - Would you like to schedule another meeting with core group of DMs?
  - Would you like to schedule some bilats with your PT DM counterparts (you mentioned Quebec, but maybe others)
  - I assume we can wait a bit before scheduling another FPTI meeting – but can flag intentions in your follow-up email

Happy to discuss – could also arrange a meeting with Val, Gail, Danielle, Lynne.

Thanks,  
Carolyn

# Governance and Coordination of Federal Response:

## Discovery of Children's Remains at Indian Residential Schools

June 2021

### Context:

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- The finding of children's remains at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School has raised the profile of the issues surrounding missing children and burial information in relation to the legacy of residential schools in Canada.
- The Government of Canada approach will require a coordinated response across the federal family, with shared objectives, clear roles & responsibilities, and strong governance and oversight mechanisms.

### Shared Objectives:

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- To ensure *reliable and comprehensive information* to inform actions and decisions by senior officials and Ministers (requests for assistance, outreach to partners, etc.)
- To be *nimble and responsive to requests* for assistance from Indigenous groups, communities and organizations in responding to needs emerging from the Kamloops discovery, while ensuring *due diligence* in the allocation of federal funding
- To provide a *single, integrated window* for partners, including Indigenous and PT partners, and leveraging *opportunities for collaboration* whenever possible
- To provide *culturally-safe, trauma-informed approaches* across the spectrum of federal government responses and actions
- To provide a *seamless, whole-of-government response* in engaging our partners, and in the development and communication of the Government's response more broadly

### Roles & Responsibilities:

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- The Government response will implicate central agencies, lead departments, and a broad range of supporting departments and agencies, including:
  - The *Privy Council Office (PCO)*, led by Operations Branch and working with PCO colleagues such as Plans and Consultations, Results & Delivery and Intergovernmental Affairs, in convening the federal family in support of Cabinet (including the Cabinet Committee on Reconciliation) and the Prime Minister
  - *Finance Canada and the Treasury Board Secretariat*, in ensuring sufficient funds in support of the federal response, and the necessary flexibilities in Government programming
  - *Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada*, as the lead department on the Government's response to the legacy of residential schools, and to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (and in particular Calls to Action 72-76)
  - *Indigenous Services Canada*, with a broad footprint for the delivery of programs and services to Indigenous people and communities, including with respect to land and environment, child and family services, education and social programs, mental health and Jordan's Principle

- It is important to note the Regional Offices of both Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services Canada will be particularly instrumental in engaging partners, assessing needs and delivering federal responses.
- *Canadian Heritage*, whose Celebration, Commemoration and Learning programming provided the Paths to Healing grant to Tk'emlups te Secwepemc for the ground-penetrating radar that uncovered the buried children at the site of the Kamloops Residential School
- *Justice Canada*, who will be responsible for the legal and litigation management issues, including the investigation by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity
- *Other government departments and agencies*, as may be required to inform and support the Government's response (e.g., Transport Canada in restricting the air space over the school, DND offering to assist with a forensic anthropologist, OCHRO in supporting federal public servants, especially Indigenous public servants).

### **Governance & Oversight:**

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- Given the urgency, the complexity, and the fundamental importance of the Government's response, strong whole-of-government governance and oversight is required on an immediate basis.
- It is proposed that this governance be anchored in:
  - *Daily meetings* of lead Assistant Deputy Ministers (Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services Canada, Canadian Heritage), currently being convened by Crown-Indigenous Relations
  - *Regular (twice weekly) meetings of a core group of Deputy Ministers*, including the Deputy Secretary (Operations) at the Privy Council Office, and the Deputy Ministers of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services, and Justice Canada
    - The Deputy Secretary (Operations) will ensure regular reporting to the Interim Clerk of the Privy Council
    - Additional Deputies will be engaged as required to inform Government response
    - Secretariat support could be provided by an interdepartmental team, embedded within PCO, to coordinate information and analysis from across departments, with a model similar to PCO's COVID Secretariat
  - *Four Corners meetings as required*, with officials from key departments and Minister's Officers, to frame issues and consider options
  - Updates to the *Cabinet Committee on Reconciliation*, and/or full Cabinet, as required and as appropriate over the summer months
- At the same time, it is anticipated that *each key department of agency will organize itself* for its own operations and response, while also supporting full participation in whole-of-Government governance, coordination and response.
  - In the case of *Indigenous Services Canada*, a small task team is being established, reporting to its Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Partnerships, and leveraging a broader network of designated subject matter experts across the department. The team would support the Minister and the Deputies in setting strategic directions, prioritizing actions and resources, and aligning with other whole of government efforts to address the TRC Calls to Action and the reconciliation agenda more broadly.
- It is also suggested that the Deputy Ministers of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services convene their *provincial/territorial counterparts* to share information and identify

opportunities to collaborate in their responses. A first such meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2021.

- Existing forums would be leveraged for ongoing engagement with National Indigenous Organizations and other Indigenous partners, with additional engagement effectively coordinated between Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services Canada to ensure common messaging and integrated response

**Next Steps:**

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- *Share draft approach* among key federal partners, including PCO, Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services Canada
- *Confirm approach to governance*, including participation and frequency for Deputy Minister-level calls, and associated Secretariat support
- *Identify core documents*, including: dashboard of requests for assistance; tracking of engagement with partners; strategic communications and engagement plan; overview of existing options for federal supports
- *Return to Cabinet*, with a proposed strategy for managing the federal response in the short (summer) and medium terms.

# Findings of Children's Remains at Indian Residential Schools

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**Attachments:** FA-IGRD-Kamloops Residential School - Scenario - Note for FPT Meeting of Indig Affairs DMs - June 5.DOCX; Kamloops Residential - PT chart.DOCX

Okay – attached is the cleaned up version of the scenario note (without highlighting, comments, etc.), and the stand-alone of the PT chart

I think Gail is also circulating the scenario note, but no harm in her doing as well.

Note in the PT chart, under BC – I thought PCH funded?

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation received a grant from B.C.'s Pathway to Healing program, which allowed the nation to pay for ground-penetrating radar in finding the 215 children

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Actually, I can circulate as I will add PCO – can we have the PT doc in a separate document? Thanks! Chris

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Thanks – I'll clean it up and ask Gail to circulate.

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Hi:

I agree, this is a good document, small modifications in the attached. I added reference to MMIWGs (that Daniel would speak to) and TRC was there.

PT reactions doc is great and super helpful.

I didn't think of elders but I don't think it is required.

Let's share with Daniel, Gina, Val and Isabelle (I am happy to do that unless Gail prefers to go through ADM group). Let me know! Chris

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**Subject:** FW: docs for monday's meeting

Hi, Chris. Attached is a draft Scenario Note for Monday's FPT meeting on Kamloops.

Note:

- Gail is asking below if you would like this shared with Daniel Quan-Watson, others?
- Anne, we should check against RSVPs
- I thought the annex on PT reactions and responses was quite good – I highlighted a few things. We could mine that table to provide a general reference in your speaking remarks to the range of reactions and responses that PT have taken – from Premier Horgan visiting Lower Post, to outreach to Indigenous communities and leaders and to each other, to commitments to mental health supports and help in finding unmarked burial sites.
- References to MMIWG and TRC noticeably absent – wonder if that's deliberate / expectation that Daniel Q-W would cover?

And just a note – I am assuming that there is no need for any Indigenous elders/leaders involvement in this meeting. I think that's the plan, but just wanted to double-check.

Happy to share with Val as well.

Thanks,  
Carolyn

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Hi

Attached please find the package for Monday's meeting with PTs. Please let me know whether you would like this to be shared with Daniel Quan-Watson and others attending the meeting.

Thanks  
Gail

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Here you go.

We got lots of stuff from sectors but jettisoned a fair bit as not entirely relevant or helpful. Used annexes from RO, LED and Danielle B.

We did not get anything from FNIHB so not sure what is up there – we copied 4-5 people....we did take mental health stuff came from SPD's work on Budget 21 (FNIHB inputs to Strat Pol), with some supplementation from our website.

Will be keeping an eye out over the weekend in case there is stuff.

I do note other ADMs are not on the guest list for Monday so can flag to Carolyn when we send this in. Not sure what their intent is there,

Lynne



**Provincial-Territorial Reactions to the Kamloops Residential School Announcement (as of June 4, 2021)**

Province/ Territory	Commitments/Initiatives	Expectations of the federal government	Other Information
BC	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief coroner's statement – "We are early in the process of gathering information and will continue to work collaboratively with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and others as this sensitive work progresses."</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at Legislature flown at half-mast.</li> <li>Premier Horgan will be visiting the northern B.C. community of Lower Post on June 21, National Indigenous People Day, for the demolishing of a former residential school there. It will start the process of building a new community centre, supported by both the federal and provincial government. BC previously announced it will invest <b>\$1.5M</b> to build the new facility.</li> <li>Premier Horgan repeated his government's responsibility to implement the 94 calls to action in the TRC noting the government's commitment through mandate letters, work being done, and the adoption of UNDRIP.</li> <li>B.C. provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry committed to meeting with her teams to discuss further steps and work to implement more of the</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation received a grant from <u>B.C.'s Pathway to Healing program</u>, which allowed the nation to pay for ground-penetrating radar in finding the 215 children.</li> <li>BC government opposition (most notably, Green MLA Adam Olsen, member of the Tsartlip First Nation, and Liberal MLA, Ellis Ross member of the Haisla First Nation) have criticized Premier Horgan for being too slow to make meaningful moves towards reconciliation.</li> </ul>

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	<p>calls to action and rights outlined in United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Minister Murray Rankin said he has spoken with Chief Rosanne Casimir to offer support to the Nation.</li> <li>Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with Premier John Horgan to discuss the horrific discovery around the former Kamloops Indian Residential School of the children whose lives were taken, working together on the Calls to Action, and the ongoing challenges and systemic racism Indigenous peoples face.</li> </ul>		
Alberta	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Effective immediately</u>, Alberta survivors of the residential school system who want to reclaim their traditional Indigenous names will never be required to pay for a fee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Alberta government</u> intends to fund research into the undocumented deaths and burials of hundreds of Indigenous children who did not make their way home. The details of that funding will be announced in the coming days.</li> <li>In a recent meeting with Treaty 6 Chiefs, representatives of the Government of Alberta announced that the provincial government is exploring options for supplementary mental wellness supports.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ISC Alberta Region has identified this as a significant pending mental wellness concern/crisis, and as such will be requesting essential increases to IRS funding to ensure the adequate provision of health supports and cultural supports throughout the process. Of note: at least 26 Residential Schools operated in Alberta between 1893 and 1996, the highest number of Residential Schools in Canada.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The Remembering the Children Society</u>, which has worked for over a decade to identify and mark the forgotten graves on the site of the former Red Deer Indian Industrial School, would like to hire a company to do the ground-penetrating radar needed to identify all the graves at the site.</li> <li><u>Nineteen</u> graves have been located so far, but 69 students are recorded to have died at the Red Deer Indian Industrial School, according to the memorial register kept by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.</li> <li>The provincial government has purchased the Red Deer Indian Industrial School graveyard site and is negotiating with First Nations groups. Alberta government officials want to gain consensus on what the next step should be from the eight First Nations and Métis</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags lowered to half-mast at municipal buildings across the province.</li> </ul>		<p>communities that the deceased students came from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>In response to the call for renaming schools named for John A. MacDonald, Egerton Ryerson, Hector-Louis Langevin and Vital-Justin Grandin, Premier Kenney stated that Canada is a great historical achievement and that even though MacDonald was imperfect, he was still a great leader. The Premier also said that “cancelling” these figures over historical injustices would cancel the vast majority of our history.</u></li> </ul>
Saskatchewan	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Premier Moe states: With an estimated 20 federal residential schools operated in Saskatchewan, meaningful reconciliation in our province must include research into the estimated hundreds of children that did not return home after attending these institutions, including radar ground search. Saskatchewan is prepared to support this work through the Ministry of First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs in collaboration with the FSIN and First Nations in Saskatchewan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at provincial Legislature are being flown at half-mast. search on undocumented deaths and burials in residential schools is being led by FSIN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On May 31, a joint call was issued by the FSIN and Government of Saskatchewan for the Government of Canada to immediately commence research on undocumented deaths and burials in residential schools in Saskatchewan, including radar ground search at residential school sites. The province also indicated they will help expedite the process in any way it can.</li> <li>The ISC Saskatchewan regional office has received increased calls for mental health supports and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per the FSIN, the initial sites for the search should include Muskowekwan Indian Residential School (IRS), Onion Lake St. Anthony's IRS, Beauval IRS, Guy Hill IRS, Lebreton IRS and Sturgeon Landing IRS, along with additional sites in consultation with First Nations in Saskatchewan.</li> <li><u>The province</u> has recently acted to protect cemeteries at residential school sites in Saskatchewan. In 2019, the Battleford Industrial School Cemetery, the resting place for at least 74 children who died while attending the institution, was marked as a Provincial Heritage Property. Similarly, the Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery, the resting place of approximately 36 children, was designated a Provincial Heritage Property in 2017.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Chief Bobby Cameron and the Saskatchewan government is prepared to assist, help, support in any way possible. If Saskatchewan does have unmarked sites, the government wants to work as quickly as possible to identify who may be in those sites</p>	<p>additional resources from multiple First Nations communities and Tribal Councils/organizations in light of the discovery. The region acknowledges this is on top of the overly taxed mental health system given the impacts of COVID-19 response. A placemat with all available mental health supports in SK will be sent out to all First Nations partners this week and the region is reaching out/responding to direct requests through various program areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The last residential school in Canada, located in Saskatchewan, closed in 1996.</li> </ul>
Manitoba	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flags at the province's legislature and Memorial Park were lowered to honour the lives lost and the building was lit in Orange.</li> <li>• Eileen Clarke, the Indigenous and Northern Relations Minister, said the province could search</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs</u> feels the Premier's response was delayed and emotionless, and ultimately, disrespectful.</li> <li>• Manitoba's <u>NDP and Liberal parties</u> are calling on the Pallister government to provide resources to search all former residential school grounds in the province for unmarked burial sites.</li> </ul>

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	all former residential school grounds in the province for unmarked burial sites as part of Manitoba's reconciliation strategy.		
Ontario	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ontario government said it would work with the opposition to draft a bill that would lead to searches at the province's former residential school sites.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Ford Government</u> committed to searching and excavating former residential school sites across Ontario.</li> <li><u>Progressive Conservative</u> House Leader Paul Calandra said the government looks forward to working with First Nations to ensure that grounds get searched, and said he would work alongside the opposition on creating a day of mourning. No funding amounts or timelines have been provided.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Flags</u> at all provincial and municipal government buildings flown at half-mast.</li> <li><u>The Ontario legislature</u> on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 unanimously agreed to grant Indigenous New Democrat MPP Sol Mamakwa 10 minutes to speak about the children who died. However, Premier Ford was called out for not being present during the speech.</li> <li>Ontario legislature moves Egerton Ryerson painting and bust to a different part of the legislature after request by Opposition</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Previous</u> liberal government in 2016 had committed to update primary and secondary school curricula to reflect the legacy of residential schools in collaboration with Indigenous partners but this decision was reversed by the Ford government in 2018.</li> <li><u>Education</u> minister Stephen Lecce says the curriculum was updated in 2019 with First Nation, Metis and Inuit culture but Indigenous stakeholders say this was a one-sided process and done without meaningful consultation and collaboration.</li> </ul>

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Quebec	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Quebec's Indigenous Affairs Minister</u> said that the province is open to searching the grounds of former residential schools for graves, if survivors and their families are in favour. The Minister's office has started reaching out to families, Indigenous leaders and his federal counterpart to discuss the possibility.</li> <li>A first step would involve securing the sites of the former residential schools, four of which are currently located on Indigenous lands. However, the Indigenous Affairs Minister said the province would wait for a green light from the families before doing so.</li> <li>The intention of the province would be to follow the lead of Indigenous communities, families, partners, and leadership instead of imposing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags lowered to half-mast at municipal buildings across the province</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While some aspects of the operation (searching sites) fall under federal responsibility, Quebec would be willing to provide logistical and technological support and pair that with the knowledge of Elders from First Nations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister Lafrenière also says that the adoption of Bill 79 should help Indigenous families gain access to the files of their missing children after they were taken into care by the Quebec health network. Chief Ghislain Picard of the AFNQL wants the Indigenous residential schools to be included in Bill 79, which the Government of Quebec opposes, since it believes that it is up to the federal government to study the residential schools aspect. According to the AFNQL and the FNQLHSSC, the objective of Bill 79 is too restrictive and does not allow the exercise of the fundamental right to the truth.</li> </ul>
New Brunswick	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Premier Higgs</b> announced the province will investigate NB's Indian day schools and ask if any children "did not make it home" after attending. <b>Minister Dunn</b> noted that no timeline, budget, or</li> </ul>		

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	<p>details have been finalized. The Premier and Minister will meet with First Nations Chiefs to discuss this issue. <a href="#">Article</a>.</p> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at the legislature and all provincial buildings lowered to half-mast. Legislators paused for a moment of silence on June 1 to recognize the discovery, and the MLAs wore orange ribbons to mark the tragedy. The Legislative Assembly was also lit up in orange on June 1, and the lights will remain this way until June 8. (RO)</li> </ul>		
Nova Scotia	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced</li> <li>The Mi'kmaq Education Services Branch of the department of Education and early Childhood Development will continue to work in partnership with government departments, Regional Centres for Education, Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), teachers and principals to advance the work of building elements of treaty education into the curriculum of each grade. (RO)</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Premier Iain Rankin contacted Chief Mike Sack of Sipekne'katik First Nation, which is located nearest the site of Shubenacadie Residential School, to vow that the province will continue to be a partner. (RO)</li> <li>Premier Rankin called British Columbia Premier John Horgan to ask how the site survey had been</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since 2019, surveys led by Parks Canada have been conducted on the site of the former residential school. Nova Scotia is partnering with Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) to continue the search.</li> </ul>

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	<p>funded. Nova Scotia will see how it can emulate this approach. (RO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Premier Rankin stated that his government is ready to assist however it can as it is committed to continue the journey to reconciliation. (RO)</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, all provincial buildings lowered flags to half-mast for 215 hours, until sunset on June 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>		
PEI	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Charlottetown city council voted unanimously to permanently remove the Sir John A. Macdonald statue in downtown Prince Edward Island's capital. (RO)</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All government administrative buildings and schools will be lowering their flags to half-mast until sunset June 8; one hour for every child who life was lost on the grounds of former Kamloops Residential School.</li> </ul>		
Newfoundland and Labrador	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>Premier Andrew Furey will be having a call with Indigenous leaders later this week to help guide him on how to find a path forward, noting that any</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Province is hopeful that the inquiry into Innu children in the Newfoundland and Labrador child care system will begin this year. Funding previously set aside for the Innu Children in Care Inquiry</li> </ul>



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	<p>decisions made will be ones of reconciliation and will act on whatever actions come up during the call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NL government has formally decided to change the province's 400-year-old coat of arms, which includes a description referring to Indigenous people as "savages." A formal notice was submitted June 03 to the legislature after discussions with Indigenous leaders.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister Lisa Dempster has spoken with Indigenous leaders and the province is willing to survey all residential schools and orphanages in the province, though there has been no formal request. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> <li>The province is planning to fulfil its commitment made by Premier Dwight Ball in 2017 to apologize to residential school survivors. (RO)</li> <li>Premier Furey is hopeful that the inquiry into Innu children in NFLD childcare system will begin this year, with money already set aside in the budget. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <p>Flags in front of the Confederation Building and other sites around the province are at half-mast, and the House of Assembly held a moment of silence on May 31.</p>		
Yukon	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yukon University has requested to do a blanket exercise on June 8<sup>th</sup> to bring awareness to the impacts of the Indian Residential Schools.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags on all Yukon government buildings will fly at half-mast for 215 hours.</li> <li>Premier Silver stated that: "We stand in support for the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous communities as they continue to search for and uncover evidence of the harms committed against them by governments and churches throughout Canada." (RO)</li> <li>The Yukon Government stands with Chief Haa Shaa du Hen Lynda Dickson of Carcross/Tagish First Nation, and supports the national call for a full investigation into residential school sites. Remain committed to working with First Nations partners to advance reconciliation and will be having a conversation at the Yukon Forum this Friday, June 4, 2021. (RO)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ISC Northern Region is supporting the University by providing clinical counselling services with the Indian Residential School Counselling program.</li> </ul>
NWT	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NWT Government will support Indigenous leaders who want to find unmarked burial sites, including bringing a proposal to Indigenous governments to assist them in research projects to document and protect residential cemeteries. Premier Caroline Cochrane committed to bringing this idea forward at the Territory's multilateral table which includes Indigenous leadership, citing that it is not her place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Premier Cochrane also committed to pressing the federal government once a strategy is developed in NWT with Indigenous leadership. The Premier said she will speak with Prime Minister Trudeau about the federal government's obligations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GNWT has been consulting with Indigenous governments on the implementation of UNDRIP and will meet again on June 11.</li> </ul>

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	<p>to make the decision to find the unmarked burial sites for Indigenous partners. <a href="#">Article</a>.</p> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at all territorial buildings flown at half-mast.</li> </ul>		
Nunavut	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government of Nunavut to lower all its flags to half-mast for nine days - the equivalent of an hour for each of the 215 children found.</li> <li>Premier Savikataaq released a statement calling the discovery devastating, noting: "...the legacy of deep intergenerational trauma, rooted in attempted cultural genocide and assimilation. I send my love and support to the families of the victims, and to all survivors and those affected by residential schools. We stand together, unwavering in our cultures and languages, determined to heal." He also shared the statement on the discovery of the Kamloops Indian residential school to his social media pages, acknowledging "lots of pain and trauma for our communities" and to "please reach out".</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To date, there have been no requests for support or financial assistance received by ISC from Nunavut.</li> </ul>

## MEETING SCENARIO NOTE

<b>MEETING WITH</b>	Federal-Provincial-Territorial Deputy Ministers of Indigenous Affairs on Kamloops Response
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	June 7, 2021
<b>LOCATION</b>	Virtual
<b>PARTICIPANTS (ISC)</b>	Christiane Fox, Deputy Minister Valerie Gideon, Associate Deputy Minister Gail Mitchell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Partnerships
<b>PARTICIPANTS (NON ISC)</b>	Daniel Quan-Watson, Deputy Minister, Crown-Indigenous Relations Gina Wilson, Deputy Minister, Diversity and Inclusion and Youth and Senior Associate Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage Provincial/Territorial Deputy Ministers Responsible for Indigenous Affairs (see Annex B)
<b>PURPOSE OF MEETING</b>	To discuss developments and strategies to address the residential school findings
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>1- Opening Remarks</b> <b>2- Federal Context</b> <b>3- Federal Tools/Supports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. CIRNA</li> <li>ii. ISC</li> <li>iii. PCH</li> </ul> <b>4- Roundtable:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for Partnership</li> </ul> <b>5- Closing Remarks</b>

**Objectives:** To discuss developments and strategies to address the residential school findings from a multilateral, intergovernmental perspective.

**What is a successful outcome of this meeting:** Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services Canada and Canadian Heritage will communicate to provinces and territories what federal tools and supports exist. Federal representatives will learn what requests and reactions have been received in the provinces and territories, what their

governments may be considering as a response, and what opportunities might arise for FPT partnerships.

**Opportunities to advance files or address issues:** This will be the first time that this forum of FPT Deputy Ministers on Indigenous Affairs will be used to address issues other than COVID-19. This meeting presents an opportunity to transform this forum and gauge interest and willingness of provinces and territories to continue engaging and partnering with Canada beyond the pandemic.

## **MAIN POINTS**

- Immediate focus on increasing **mental health** supports offered through the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. 24-hour National Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line is available through The Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program. Budget 2021 investments in distinctions-based mental health strategies will renew funding for this. The Hope for Wellness Help Line offers culturally relevant counselling and crisis intervention services to all Indigenous peoples. Additionally, mental health counselling is eligible under the Non-Insured Health Benefits program.
- The **Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program** funded \$182,000 in assessment and remediation work at the Kamloops Indian Residential School site between 1995-2000.
  - Four underground storage tanks were removed, and the soil remediated. Work was undertaken jointly with the First Nation.
  - The sites were closed in 2001.
  - There were no archeological finds or disturbance of grave sites.
- Of the 139 Indian Residential Schools identified in the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, approximately 52 are located on reserve lands. ISC has completed projects in 29 First Nation communities which are in proximity of Indian Residential Schools or Indian Day Schools.
- ISC and Crown-Indigenous Relations should be prepared to receive requests outside the scope of residential schools but closely related, including searching similar burial grounds or graveyards outside of hospitals that were previously used to treat tuberculosis. Most of these hospitals are now closed or merged into provincial healthcare systems. Searching burial sites of Indigenous veterans may also become a prominent request.
- Perimeter security is an eligible expense under the Indigenous Community Support Fund. Since March 2020, 454 perimeter security proposals have been funded through the Emergency Management Assistance Program for a total of (approximately) \$97.7 million. The Regional Operations Sector is prepared to assist Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation if a need for funding to support perimeter security is identified.

## **ANNEXES**

Annex A: Speaking Points / Points to Register

Annex B: Provincial/Territorial Deputy Ministers Responsible for Indigenous Affairs

**Annex C: Other Background Materials**

- Indigenous Community Support Fund Analysis
- Relevant Budget 2021 Investments
- Lands and Economic Development Programming
- Canadian Heritage List of Projects and Funding to Commemorate the History and Legacy of Residential Schools
- Table of Provincial-Territorial Reactions to Kamloops Residential School Announcement

## **SPEAKING POINTS - DM / POINTS TO REGISTER**

### **Agenda Item 1 – Opening Remarks**

- It's been just over a week since the announcement of the devastating discovery of unmarked remains at the former site of the Kamloops residential school.
- Thank you for accepting this invitation. I believe the urgency of the issue requires swift action and a coordinated approach.
- Many gathered here today have been receiving requests for support from indigenous communities, and residential school survivors and their families, be it for mental health supports, further research to identify other possible burial sites or to identify remains.
- I hope you agree that this is an opportunity for us to work together to provide support and healing, taking direction from Indigenous communities themselves.
- Some of you have already offered to partner with us to support communities to conduct land surveys and research. This is a good start and it's the direction that I would like us to pursue.
- We have been speaking with Rosanne Casimir, Chief of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc nation to offer any support needed, but we are following her lead.
- They are dealing with the preliminary report, the potential need for security for the community and the site and we have assured the chief that we are ready to offer additional supports as requested.
- We have also been in touch with the First Nations Health Authority in BC regarding mental health supports for the community and the surrounding area, and we've increased mental health and substance use supports across the country.
- We are working together across federal departments to provide added supports while being sensitive to the communities and letting them lead.
- To date we have had offers of support from several federal departments and agencies including the RCMP and the Department of National Defence, who have offered the services of their forensic archaeologist.
- What we are hoping to achieve today is how we can collaborate in the immediate response to this issue, and how we can partner together over the longer term as we reflect on the impact this has had across the country.

- Today you will hear from my colleagues from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and from Canadian Heritage.
- I will now turn to Daniel Quan-Watson, Deputy Minister, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, to speak to the new program they will launch to address the related TRC Calls to Action. He will also provide an update on the release of the federal pathway for MMIWG.

## **Agenda item 2 – Federal context**

[DM Quan-Watson speaks]

- Thank you Daniel.
- I would also like to ask Gina Wilson, Deputy Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth and Senior Associate Deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage to speak to relevant programming in her department.
- [DM Wilson speaks]
- Thank you Gina.

## **Agenda item 3 – Federal tools/supports**

### ***Crown Indigenous Relations***

- Daniel, anything you would like to add to your earlier remarks in terms of supports available to Indigenous communities?

### ***Indigenous Services Canada***

- Indigenous Services Canada has a range of programs that can support the needs of indigenous communities and individuals dealing with the impacts of residential schools ranging from mental health and substance use supports, to land surveys and remediation.
- Our immediate focus over the past week has been on increasing mental health and substance use supports offered through the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.
- The Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program will continue to provide mental health, emotional, and cultural support services to former residential school students and their families. A 24-hour National Indian Residential School Crisis Line continues to be available through this program. Budget 2021 investments in distinctions-based mental health strategies will renew funding for this program and crisis line.



- The Hope for Wellness Help Line also offers immediate help to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and includes counselling and crisis intervention services. Help Line counsellors can help those who just need to talk to someone, are distressed, are experiencing strong emotional reactions or are triggered by painful memories. Culturally relevant support is offered in English, French, Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut.
- Additionally, mental health counselling is eligible under the Non-Insured Health Benefits program.
- Canada also funds services provided by Indigenous-operated treatment centres across Canada through the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program. The program supports 52 residential treatment centres, 500 beds, 550 prevention programs, and employs over 700 workers almost all of whom are employed by Indigenous communities.
- We are all experiencing an increase in requests for land surveys and research into grave or burial sites. Our Lands and Economic Development sector is preparing to triage the requests our regional offices have been receiving. This will be in tandem with the work that ISC is already doing on land remediation, additions to reserve and real property management with respect to former residential school sites.
- While Mental health, substance use and lands are at the forefront right now, ISC is also thinking about how health, education, child and family services and other priority areas will fit into a strategic response.
- We recognize that the legacy of residential schools has contributed to a number of societal issues, not the least of which is intergenerational trauma and the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in care.
- There is a clear relationship between investing in the safety and well-being of children and improved outcomes for these children, their families, and their communities.
- The *Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* provides a path for Indigenous peoples to choose their own solutions for their children and families, and to create a better future for the generations to come. This is an area where Federal/Provincial/Territorial cooperation is essential to positive outcomes.

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- Gina, anything you would like to add in terms of supports available to Indigenous communities?

**Agenda Item 4 – Round Table**

- I look forward to hearing from our provincial and territorial colleagues about what programs are being offered and what opportunities we can identify for partnering.

**Agenda Item 5 - Closing Remarks**

- This has been a very informative discussion.
- I think there could be value in continuing to use this forum to explore additional ways to collaborate and to share information.
- I wonder if perhaps there could be a way to begin to include Indigenous partners in this dialogue as well. I would welcome your thoughts.
- I believe that our actions, our strong support and collaboration, will have a significant impact on our path towards reconciliation for years to come.
- Thank you all for meeting with us today.

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## OTHER BACKGROUND MATERIALS

### Indigenous Community Support Fund

- Since March 2020, approximately:
  - 718 proposals funded through Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples to support urban, off-reserve, Inuit and Métis communities totalling \$160 million.
  - 1443 proposals funded through Emergency Management Assistance Program to support on-reserve Indigenous communities for a total of \$242 million.
  - 454 perimeter security proposals funded through Emergency Management Assistance Program for a total of \$97.7 million.
  - 145 food security proposals funded through the Emergency Food Security Fund and Phase 3 of the Indigenous Community Support Fund.
- On April 19, 2021, Budget 2021 proposed an additional \$760.8 million for the Indigenous Community Support Fund. Earlier this week, the Minister announced the Phase 4 of the Indigenous Community Support Fund which includes;
  - \$200 million in direct allocations to First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities delivered in early June.
  - \$200 million in direct allocations to First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities to be delivered in Fall 2021.
  - a further \$360 million in needs-based COVID-19 support for Indigenous communities and organizations, including \$150 million to support Indigenous Peoples living in urban centres and members of First Nations living off reserve.
  - the remaining \$800,000 has been set aside for administration to ensure the swift delivery of funds.
- Perimeter security and food security have been a significant focus for First Nations communities. Communities took the initiative of setting-up stations at community entrances to monitor flow of people, ensure entry requirements and set-up contact tracing. The Indigenous Community Support Fund supported additional human resources required, equipment to set-up temporary facilities, cleaning supplies and non-medical personal protective equipment.

#### Speaking Points/Key Messages:

- COVID-19 considerations remain top of mind, especially in the context of emergency management and evacuations.
- On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Honourable Marc Miller highlighted \$760.8 million in funding proposed in Budget 2021, a portion of which will be allocated through the needs-based funding request process that just reopened.



- Of the total funding, \$200 million is being directly allocated to communities in early June and a further \$200 million will be directly distributed to communities in Fall 2021.

If pressed/reactive lines:

- Direct allocations were provided to First Nations communities to enable some funding to be available immediately to those communities that face pressures because of outbreaks or escalating risk factors.
- The department continues to process needs-based requests and will continue to work with all First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and Indigenous organizations to support COVID-19 needs. All requests are being reviewed and approved by Indigenous Services Canada as per the selection criteria listed on the website.
- Vaccine rollout initiatives for urban and off-reserve Indigenous communities and organizations will continue to be eligible under the Indigenous Community Support Fund.

## **Relevant Budget 2021 Investments**

### Healing/Mental Wellness/Support for Residential Schools

- Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$597.6M over three years for a distinctions-based mental health and wellness strategy with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation. This will build on existing strengths, help address gaps and be responsive to current, emerging and future needs.
- The strategy will renew funding for the Indian Residential Schools Health Supports Program and Crisis Line, which provide healing supports for survivors of childhood trauma and residential schools. It will also stabilize and expand community-based supports and capacity, increase substance use treatment and prevention, and support workforce development.
- Emotional and cultural support services for former Indian Residential School students and their families, which are available on and off-reserve across Canada.
- \$248 million over 3 years, also from Budget 2018, to continue health support services to former Indian Residential School students and their families.

### Child and Family Services

- Budget 2021 proposes an investment of \$1 billion over five years and \$118.7 million ongoing starting in 2021-22, to increase funding under the First Nations Child and Family Services Program.
- Reducing the number of Indigenous children in care remains one of the Government's top priorities. Indigenous Services Canada is working with partners to reform the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program.
- As a result of collaborative work with the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and the Assembly of First Nations, Canada will increase funding to support on-reserve First Nations children, families and communities who are not served by First Nations child and family services (FNCFS) agencies.
- The Government of Canada is continuing the important work in full partnership with Indigenous Peoples to reform child and family services so that all Indigenous children have the opportunity to grow up in their communities, immersed in their cultures, and surrounded by loved ones.

### MMIWG/Gender-based Violence

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- \$17.1 million, announced in July 2020, to ensure continued access to health supports for those impacted by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and to expand access for the first time to cultural, emotional, and mental health support services for those affected by the trauma associated with their attendance at any historic Federal Indian Day School including their families.
- For those affected by the tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, ISC covers confidential health and cultural support services provided by Elders and Traditional Healers, skilled Indigenous community-based workers and mental health workers who are enrolled with ISC.
- Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$861 million over five years, beginning in 2021-22, and \$145 million ongoing, to support culturally responsive policing and community safety services in Indigenous communities. This investment seeks to address the Calls for Justice, which are further supported by critical investments to advance a new National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, including \$55 million over five years, beginning in 2021-22, for the Department for Women and Gender Equality to bolster the capacity of Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ organizations to provide gender-based violence prevention programming aimed at addressing the root causes of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

### Emergency shelters and second-stage housing

- As announced in the Fall Economic Statements, the Government is committing \$304M over 5 years for a Comprehensive Violence Prevention Strategy (MMIWG - FVPP) -- (CMHC lead, CIRNA and ISC-ESDPP participants).
- This strategy supports the operation of an additional 38 emergency shelters, as well as operational funding for 50 new Indigenous-led second stage housing initiatives, to provide First Nations women and children living on and off reserve, as well as Indigenous women and children across the country, including in Inuit Nunangat or in urban centers, greater access to places of refuge when escaping violence. A parallel proposal from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation would support the construction of these new shelters and second stage housing.

## **Lands and Economic Development Programming**

### **Background**

#### **General**

- Through its Contaminated Sites Management Program, Indigenous Services Canada works with First Nations partners to protect the health and safety of First Nations people and the environment on reserve lands by assessing and remediating areas of environmental concern.
- Typically, contaminated sites include leaking fuel tanks, dump sites, areas of contaminated fill, and contamination associated with vehicle maintenance.
- As part of these assessments, the Program also funds archeological work. Information on site history is gathered from Elders and those familiar with the land to identify past activities on reserve. An archaeological monitor is retained for site assessment and remediation projects in areas of archaeological concern.

#### **\_Kamloops**

- Through its Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program, ISC funded \$182,000 in assessment and remediation work at the Kamloops Indian Residential School site between 1995-2000.
- Four underground storage tanks were removed, and the soil remediated. Work was undertaken jointly with the First Nation.
- There were no archeological finds or disturbance of grave sites and the sites were closed in 2001.

#### **Key Messages:**

- ISC works closely with First Nations communities on remediation projects in proximity to residential schools and day schools on reserve.
- In all cases, the Department confirms that First Nations leadership is engaged throughout the process and is supportive of activities related to the project.
- At this time, ISC is unaware of any remains disturbed in association with past contaminated sites projects at former residential schools. An archaeological specialist is retained where potential archaeological impacts are identified (preferably from the First Nation).

#### **If Pressed:**

- If there is the possibility that archeological artifacts or remains may be encountered, an archeological monitor is assigned to the project.
- In the event that an unmarked burial site is discovered, the archeological monitor implements an immediate pause on all activity. Chief and Council is immediately notified, as is the relevant policing agency. A senior archeologist is brought in to help preserve the site and identify next steps, jointly with the First Nation.

- At some sites, Indian Residential Schools have been demolished to allow for remediation of contaminated soil and water. The decision to demolish the school is made by the First Nation.

**Key Data:**

- The Federal Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program is planning to undertake 180 assessments and 475 remediation activities, across approximately 250 communities, between 2020-2025. Since the program began, over 2,500 sites have been closed.
  - • Five assessment and remediation projects of former Indian Residential Schools are planned for 2021-22:
    - Lejac, Nadleh Whuten First Nation, **British Columbia** (\$2.4 million);
    - St George's School, Lytton First Nation, **British Columbia** (estimated \$50,000);
    - St. Mary's, Wauzhushk Onigum Nation, **Ontario** (\$1.4 million);
    - James Masty Shop and Former Federal School, Whapmagoostui, **Quebec** (funding to be determined); and
    - Chooutla Residential School, YK ( \$97,500)
      - In 2021-2022, the Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program will fund approximately \$45 million in assessment and remediation projects on reserve.

## Canadian Heritage List of Projects and Funding to Commemorate the History and Legacy of Residential Schools

Nom du client Client Name	Nom du projet Project Name	Financement Funding
<b>NOUVEAU BRUNSWICK / NEW BRUNSWICK</b>		
MAWIW COUNCIL INC.	Pages from History: Celebrating Mi'gmaq and Maliseet Residential School Survivors	\$38,500.00
NEQOTKUK HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	Honouring our Residential School Survivors in Neqotkuk	\$14,410.00
NI'GWEG COLLECTIVE	I Am Warrior	\$38,500.00
<b>TERRE-NEUVE ET LABRADOR / NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR</b>		
FIRST LIGHT	Sharing out Truth	\$38,500.00
<b>NOUVELLE ÉCOSSE / NOVA SCOTIA</b>		
ESKASONI BAND COUNCIL FPR ESKASONI MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT	Commemorative spaces for ceremony: Healing from the legacy of residential schools	\$38,500.00
MI'KMAQ CIRCLE OF HOPE SOCIETY	Residential Schools Traditional Healing Gathering	\$38,500.00
MI'KMAWEY DEBERT CULTURE CENTRE	A Gathering for Remembrance and Healing	\$38,500.00
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL	Knowledges Keeper's Path	\$4,500.00
SIPEKNEKATIK FIRST NATION	Helping Families Heal	\$24,000.00
WE'KOQMA'Q FIRST NATION EDUCATION	Honouring Healing: Planting Healing	\$5,000.00
<b>ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-EDWARD / PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</b>		
ABEGWEIT FIRST NATION	AFN Healing Garden	\$40,000.00
LENNOX ISLAND MI'KMAQ CULTURAL CENTER	Recognizing Their Resiliency	\$38,500.00
<b>QUÉBEC / QUEBEC</b>		
AANISCHAAUKAMIKW - AANISCHAAUKAMIKW CREE CULTURAL INSTITUTE	Eeyou Istchee Remembers	\$40,000.00
CENTRE D'AMITIE AUTOCHTONE DE LA TUQUE INC	Commémorations de l'histoire et des séquelles des pensionnats indiens par le biais de numérique au centre Sakihikan	\$38,500.00
CERCLE KISIS	Guérison et réconciliation: retour projet Wampum	\$38,500.00
CHISASIBI HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTRE	Taawaahiikin	\$8,000.00

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CONSEIL DES ATIKAMEKW DE WEMOTACI	Commémoration de la résilience des ex-pensionnaires Atikamekw de Wemotaci	\$30,000.00
CONSEIL DES INNUS DE PESSAMIT	Initiative artistique et culturelle : Composition, production et enregistrement sonore de chansons innus sur support disque compact	\$26,000.00
COOP NITASKINAN	Nikanik (vers l'horizon): Exposition artistique sur la période des pensionnats	\$38,500.00
CPE PREMIER PAS	En voie de guérison	\$36,500.00
CREE WOMEN OF EYYOU ISTCHEE ASSOCIATION	Returning to Spirit Through Reconciliation Workshops/Training	\$38,500.00
LA BOITE ROUGE VIF	Livre artistique sur la guérison des survivants des pensionnats	\$35,500.00
PUAKUTEU COMITE DE FEMMES DE MASHTUEIATSH	Innikueu - Fabrication de poupées	\$31,000.00
THE PONTIAC NATIVE COMMUNITY	Pontiac Anishinaabe Healing Garden	\$38,500.00
UNIVERSITE LAVAL	L'histoire en trois temps : Transmission intergénérationnelle des savoirs innus avant, pendant et après le pensionnat catholique de Malitena	\$38,500.00
<b>ONTARIO</b>		
ALDERVILLE FIRST NATION	Back to the future "We Have To Know Where We Come From, To Know Where We're Going"	\$38,500.00
ALGONQUINS OF PIKWAKANAGAN FIRST NATION	Honoring Our Ancestors	\$10,200.00
ANISHINAABE ABINOOJII FAMILY SERVICES	Family Wellness - Understanding Historical impacts on Family	\$5,000.00
CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION	Forget Me Not Community Clay Tile Wall Mural	\$38,500.00
FEMMES MICHIF OTIPEMISIWAK (LES)	From Seed to Heart - A Healing Garden	\$38,500.00
FIERTE CANADA PRIDE	2 Spirit Stories from Canada's Indian Residential Schools	\$50,000.00
FORT ERIE NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	Creating our way forward: Speaker Series and Reflection Circles	\$38,500.00
GEORGIAN BAY METIS COUNCIL	Blanket Exercise and Cultural Safety Workshop	\$5,500.00
INDIGENOUS STUDENT SERVICES, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY	Orange Shirt Day Series at McMaster	\$6,250.00
KAY-NAH-CHI-WAH-NUNG HISTORICAL CENTRE	Biskaabiiwin	\$38,500.00

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LAC DES MILLE LACS FIRST NATION	Mashkawizii: A Healing Celebration to Honour Our Elders	\$38,500.00
LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY	Tabik-gizis Kinamegewin (Moon Teachings)	\$38,000.00
LILLIAN BERG SCHOOL	McIntosh IRS: Honoring its History & Legacy	\$6,000.00
MINWAASHIN LODGE: INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S SUPPORT CENTRE	Building Strong Families	\$34,500.00
MOHAWK VILLAGE MEMORIAL PARK	Mohawk Village Memorial Park - Memorial Circle	\$40,000.00
MUNSEE DELAWARE LANGUAGE AND HISTORY GROUP	Boy's Work / Girl's Work at Mount Elgin Residential School	\$34,500.00
MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL	Omushkego Education Legacy of Indian Residential Schools	\$34,500.00
NEENAHNEW OSKAPEWASIK (CREE HELPERS - YOUTH AND ELDERS COMING TOGETHER)	Passing knowledge onto the paths of the young ones	\$38,500.00
NIISAACHEWAN ANISHINABE NATION	Niisaachewan Honouring Our Indian Residential School Survivors Gathering	\$38,500.00
NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE	Maamwa mna bimaadzewin	\$38,500.00
PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	Residential School & Drum Circle Presentation	\$38,500.00
SHAWANAGA FIRST NATION HEALING CENTRE	Becoming Emotionally, Spiritually, Physically and Mentally Healthy for the Individual, Family and Community	\$38,500.00
SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION	Sheguiandah FN RS Legacy Monument Project	\$30,500.00
THE ASSOCIATION FOR NATIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PRERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS (ANDPVA)	Online Creation and clan Story Workshops: Survivor Legacy	\$38,500.00
THE GORD DOWNIE & CHANIE WENJACK FUND	Mobile Legacy Space	\$38,500.00
THUNDER BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Stories of Anishinaabe Resilience	\$38,000.00
TORONTO COUNCIL FIRE NATIVE CULTURAL CENTRE	Restoration of Identity Mural	\$38,500.00
TSI TYONNHEHT ONKWAWENNA LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL CENTRE	Healing Through Storytelling	\$38,500.00
WABASEEMOONG INDEPENDENT NATIONS	OUR COLLECTIVE HEALING JOURNEY – WABASEEMOONG IRS SURVIVORS FAMILIES & CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS OF THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS	\$38,500.00



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WATERLOO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE	Indigenous Medicinal Garden and Environmental Legacy Classroom	\$5,000.00
WEENGUSHK FILM INSTITUTE	Residential School Survivors: Honouring the Memory	\$38,500.00
WILLOW ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL, UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	Knowledge Keeper in Residence at Willow Road PS	\$8,000.00
WOODLAND CULTURAL CENTRE	WCC Survivors Programming	\$38,500.00
<b>MANITOBA</b>		
4565119 MANITOBA ASSOCIATION INC.	Mashkawigaabawid Abinoojiiyag – Stand Strong Children	\$38,000.00
ABORIGINAL MUSIC MANITOBA INC.	Survivor Portraits and Mini-documentary	\$38,500.00
ASSINIBOIA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL LEGACY GROUP	Commemorating Assiniboine Residential School Survivors	\$38,500.00
BIRDTAIL SIOUX HEALTH CENTRE	BTS Community Healing Garden	\$36,000.00
BRANDON FRIENDSHIP CENTRE INC.	Seasons of Healing	\$12,000.00
CREE NATION TRIBAL HEALTH, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL PROGRAM	Welcoming Our Relations Home	\$38,500.00
DAKOTA OJIBWAY CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES	Addressing Intergenerational Impacts of Residential Schools for Children in Care	\$40,000.00
ELBERT CHARTRAND FRIENDSHIP CENTRE INC.	We Will Remember - We Will Teach	\$38,500.00
FLIN FLON ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE, INC.	Families Healing Together For Future Generations	\$38,500.00
INDIGENOUS FAMILY CENTRE	Looking Back, Looking Forward, Looking In: A community quilt honoring residential school survivors	\$5,000.00
KEESECKOOWENIN FIRST NATION	Anishinaabe Sharing Lodge Commemoration Project	\$12,000.00
KEEWATIN TRIBAL COUNCIL	Recovering, Healing and Reconciliation through Artwork	\$35,000.00
LITTLE GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION	Little Grand Rapids First Nation Residential Schools Heritage Canada Project	\$38,000.00
MA MAWI WI CHI ITATA	Naheyihtamowin Garden	\$22,500.00
MACKAY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL GATHERING INC.	We Were All Creative	\$22,500.00
MADELINE ARMSTRONG LOCAL INC.	Summer Healing Feast	\$5,000.00
MANITOBA INUIT ASSOCIATION INC.	Threads of Reclamation	\$49,806.00

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MANITOBA KEEWATINOWI OKIMAKANAK INC.	Honouring Our Ancestors Monument: Remembering the Legacy of the Residential School System in Northern Manitoba	\$38,500.00
MATHIAS COLOMB CREE NATION	Mathias Colomb IRS Heritage Project	\$38,500.00
NISICHAWAYASI NEHETHO CULTURE AND EDUCATION AUTHORITY INC.	Remembering and Reclaiming Mamawi Hopikihawsowin	\$26,500.00
NORTH END WOMEN'S CENTRE INC.	Meeting in the Circle: Reclaiming the Stories of our past, present and future	\$38,500.00
PINE CREEK FIRST NATION	Pine Creek Residential School Commemoration Project	\$38,500.00
ROOT SKY PRODUCTIONS	Dramatizing the Residential School Settlement Process: A reading of the play IAP and Audience Talkback	\$2,470.00
ROSEAU RIVER ANISHINABE FIRST NATION	Residential School Survivor Feast and Memorial Transition	\$40,000.00
SOUTHEAST RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CORP. (SERDC)	Creating a Legacy of Resiliency for Indian Residential School Survivors, Families, and communities in the Manitoba Southeast Region	\$38,500.00
SOUTHERN CHIEF'S ORGANIZATION INC.	We Remember - Honouring Residential School Survivors In Their Own Words	\$38,500.00
YELLOWQUILL COLLEGE INC.	Curriculum Development and Delivery - Residential Schools - History and Legacy	\$38,500.00
YORK FACTORY FIRST NATION	YFFN Residential Schools Commemoration	\$38,500.00
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>		
AHTAHKAKOOP HEALTH CENTER	Culture Camp	\$38,500.00
BATTLEFORD INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL COMMEMORATIVE ASSOCIATION	Battleford Industrial School Memorial	\$45,000.00
BEAUVAL ABORIGINAL HEADSTART INC.	Mamawi Kihitayak ekwa Awasisak Elders and Children Together	\$38,500.00
BIG ISLAND LAKE CREE NATION	Examining the History of Big Island Lake First Nation	\$37,000.00
COWESSESS FIRST NATION	We Will Walk Together	\$38,500.00
FILE HILLS FIRST NATIONS POLICE SERVICE	Honoring Survivors of Inter- Generational Trauma	\$29,500.00
GORDON FIRST NATION ELDERS	Healing Garden and Memory Wall	\$40,000.00
MIYAWATA CULTURE INC.	The Night Delmas Indian Residential School Burnt	\$31,000.00

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NEHIYAWAK LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE	Reclaiming nēhiyawak cultural Language and Spirit	\$5,000.00
OFFICE OF THE TREATY OF COMMISSIONER	Fulfilling the Promises: Treaty Right to Education for IRSS	\$38,500.00
ONION LAKE CREE NATION	OLCN Directory to Intergenerational Healing	\$38,500.00
PEEPEEKISIS FIRST NATION	File Hills Indian Colony Project	\$38,500.00
PETER BALLANTYNE CREE NATION - PRINCE ALBERT URBAN ADMINISTRATION	PBCN Urban Wounds into Wisdom	\$38,500.00
PHEASANT RUMP NAKOTA FIRST NATION	Plaque with silhouette "Our Circle Will Never Be Broken Again	\$38,500.00
QBOW CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES INC.	Bring Home the Children Ride: Honouring Residential School Survivors	\$38,500.00
SAKITAWAK ELDERS GROUP INCORPORATED	Sakitawak Commemorative Garden	\$40,000.00
SAULTEAUX PELLY AGENCY HEALTH ALLIANCE - ELDER'S COUNCIL	Nee Ijinikas (I have a Name): (1929-1969) - The Legacy of St. Phillips Indian Residential School	\$38,500.00
THE KEY FIRST NATION #65	The Key First Nation Residential School Legacy	\$38,500.00
YORKTON TRIBAL COUNCIL	Healing Garden for Kahkewistahaw First Nation	\$10,000.00
YORKTON TRIBAL COUNCIL	Healing Garden for Zagime Anishniabek First Nations	\$10,000.00
YORKTON TRIBAL COUNCIL	Therapy Garden for Cote First Nation	\$10,000.00
YORKTON TRIBAL COUNCIL	Therapy Garden for Keeseekoosie First Nation	\$32,000.00
YORKTON TRIBAL COUNCIL	Therapy Garden for Ocean Man First Nation	\$32,000.00
YORKTON TRIBAL COUNCIL	Therapy Garden for The Key First Nation	\$10,000.00
MUSKOWEKWAN FIRST NATION	Honouring Residential School Children & Survivors	\$38,500.00
<b>ALBERTA</b>		
ABORIGINAL ARTS COUNCIL OF ALBERTA	OTEHIWIN = OPEN HEART (Travelling Exhibition - Creation and Open Studio Activities	\$38,500.00
ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE OF CALGARY	Allying with Indigenous People - Reconciliation on the land. Learning to Fly	\$26,500.00
ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION - HERITAGE & LANGUAGE	Residential School Memorial	\$31,000.00

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ASOKEWIN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	Commemorating the History and Legacy of Residential Schools - Celebrating Stories of Survival.	\$38,500.00
BEAVER FIRST NATION	Honoring our Indian Residential School Students and Survivors	\$38,000.00
BENT ARROW TRADITIONAL HEALING SOCIETY	Healing the Past Through Ceremony	\$31,000.00
BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY	Building Resiliency Through Reconciliation	\$31,000.00
BLACKFOOT CANADIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY	Commemorating the Legacy of Residential Schools	\$28,000.00
BLOOD TRIBE DEPT. OF HEALTH INC	Healing Kainai	\$38,500.00
BONNYVILLE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	Commemorating the Resilience of Residential School Survivor Interactive Education Program (IEP)	\$26,000.00
CANADIAN NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	MAMAWO NIKAMOHK	\$38,500.00
CIF RECONCILIATION SOCIETY	Pokaiks - The Children	\$37,000.00
CJSW	Survivors: Remembering Residential Schools	\$35,500.00
CREATING HOPE SOCIETY	Remembering, Reviving, Restoring: Our Truth Telling	\$38,500.00
EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE SOCIETY	Butterfly Moon Project	\$6,000.00
ENOCH CREE NATION	Let us Love and Care for one Another	\$38,500.00
FROG LAKE FIRST NATIONS	Frog Lake Residential School Legacy Mural Project	\$21,000.00
GRAND PRAIRIE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	Traditional Healing Gardens	\$38,000.00
GROUARD SENIORS COMMUNITY CLUB	Remembering Life Before Residential Schools	\$7,500.00
HIGH LEVEL NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE SOCIETY	Commemorating and Honouring IRS Students and Survivors	\$26,000.00
HOLLOW BONE HEALING LODGE	Cultivating Compassion Workshop	\$12,800.00
INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ABORIGINAL WOMEN	Mending the Blanket: The Star Blanket Teachings	\$24,000.00
MANNAWANIS NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE SOCIETY	Kakesimowin waskahikan (Prayer House) Project	\$36,000.00
METIS NATION OF ALBERTA ASSOCIATION	Métis Nation - The Forgotten People - "The Silenced Voice"	\$38,500.00
MIKAI'STO FOUNDATION	Mikai'sto Foundation - IRS Library	\$38,500.00
MISKANAWAH COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION	The Knowledge-Sharing Initiative	\$38,500.00

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NECHI INSTITUTE - CENTRE OF INDIGENOUS LEARNING	Rebuilding, Resiliency and Reconciliation - A Residential School Reunion	\$38,500.00
NISTAWOYOU ASSOCIATION FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	The Courage to Heal	\$38,500.00
PAAHTOMAHKSIKIMI CULTURE CENTRE	Honoring Residential School Survivors at Paahtomahksikimi Cultural Centre	\$5,000.00
PEIGAN BOARD OF EDUCATION SOCIETY	Piikani Indian Residential School Interviews	\$27,000.00
RED DEER NATIVE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY	Bertha Poor Memorial Healing Garden	\$15,873.00
RUPERTSLAND INSTITUTE - MÉTIS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE	Métis Perspectives on residential and other Colonial Forms of Schooling	\$38,500.00
SAMSON CREE NATION	Bridging the Generation Gap Workshop	\$35,500.00
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	The Seven Cree Teachings	\$4,400.00
SWAN RIVER FIRST NATION	Remembering and Honouring True Warriors	\$38,500.00
THE NU CH'ANIE SOCIETY	Residential School Survivor Monument Project	\$21,500.00
TOWN OF CARDSTON	Riverside Healing Garden	\$38,500.00
TOWN OF PEACE RIVER	ST. Augustine Mission Interpretive Landscape Project	\$34,500.00
TRIBAL CHIEFS VENTURES INC.	Commemoration of Indian Residential Schools and their Families	\$38,500.00
UNIVERSITY NUHELOT'INE THAIYOTS'Ī NISTAMEYIMĀKANAK BLUE QUILLS	Blue Quills 50th Anniversary Commemoration	\$38,500.00
URBAN SOCIETY FOR ABORIGINAL YOUTH	Della's Story	\$38,500.00
WHITEFISH LAKE BAND #128	SURVIVORS PAST AND PRESENT	\$38,500.00
<b>COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE / BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>		
AKISQNUK FIRST NATION	Reconciliation for Akisqnuq Residential School Survivors	\$10,500.00
CANIM LAKE BAND	Warming our Pusmen (Heart)	\$38,500.00
DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION	The DRFN Mobile Digital Reality Platform	\$38,500.00
FIRST NATIONS PEDAGOGIES NETWORK (FNPN)	Weaving Healing: Honouring our Elders and their Stories	\$38,500.00
FORT NELSON FIRST NATION	Honoring Survivors - A Wellness Journey	\$38,500.00
HOMALCO FIRST NATION	Gathering Space	\$40,000.00
HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS	Anacla Community Garden	\$12,200.00

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INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVOR'S SOCIETY	Commemorative IRS Brother Totem Pole	\$38,500.00
INTER TRIBAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION	Taking Back Our Past: Our Voice as Medicine	\$38,000.00
KERMODE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	Kermode Honouring Our Children Commemorative Pole	\$38,500.00
KI-LOW-NA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society Celebration & Commemoration	\$36,500.00
LAICHWILTACH FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY	Honoring Residential School Survivors and their Families	\$28,500.00
LOWER FRASER VALLEY ABORIGINAL SOCIETY	Residential School Resiliency Carving Project	\$38,500.00
MACKENZIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Commemorating the History and Legacy of RS	\$5,000.00
NANAIMO ABORIGINAL CENTRE	NAC Totem Pole Project	\$38,500.00
NAWICAN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	Restoring the Balance	\$27,000.00
NEW HORIZONS INDIGENOUS ASSOCIATION	Indian Residential School Survivors: Passing our knowledge onto future generations	\$5,000.00
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITWINKSIHLKW	Gitwinksihlkw IRS Honour Arch	\$38,500.00
ORANGE SHIRT SOCIETY	Orange Shirt Day events in Williams Lake and 100 Mile House, BC	\$16,000.00
PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF FIRST NATIONS WOMEN	100 Years of Loss	\$38,000.00
PA'LA7WIT SOCIETY OF THE LOWER LILLOOET LAKE	Tmicw Teachings	\$38,500.00
PAUQUACHIN FIRST NATION	"Nanum"	\$16,000.00
RAVEN COLLECTIVE	Bunk #7 Northwest BC Tour	\$21,500.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6 ROCKY MOUNTAIN	Residential School Memorial Wall	\$4,200.00
SEVEN SACRED FIRES SOCIETY	Honoring Our Ancestors - Residential School Trauma Healing Program	\$38,500.00
TAKLA NATION	Takla Nation Gazebo and Healing event for the Commemoration of Residential Schools	\$38,500.00
TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC	Paths to Healing	\$40,000.00
TL'ETINQOX GOVERNMENT	Strenght & Resiliency of Tl'etinqox Women	\$37,000.00
TSAY KEH DENE BAND	Tsek'ene Dene Commemorative Murals	\$38,500.00
TS'EWULHTUN HEALTH CENTRE, COWICHAN TRIBES	Honoring our Strengths	\$20,000.00
UCLUELET SECONDARY SCHOOL	Orange Shirt Day Ceremony	\$5,000.00
ULKATCHO FIRST NATION	Planting the Seeds of Reconciliation Garden	\$38,500.00

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VANCOUVER NATIVE HEALTH SOCIETY	Mmmoooooooooke Na Sii Yea Yea (MSNYY) Elders Program	\$38,500.00
XWISTEN, CULTURE & LANGUAGE DEPT, BRIDGE RIVER INDIAN BAND	Culture & Language Department Programs	\$38,500.00
<b>YUKON</b>		
CARCROSS/TAGISH MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	Supporting Community Health à, Wellness and Reconciliation	\$37,000.00
KWANLIN DUN FIRST NATION	Orange Shirt Day T-Shirt Campaign	\$9,200.00
LIARD ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S SOCIETY	Reclaiming Dignity	\$38,500.00
<b>TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST / NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>		
DEH CHO FIRST NATIONS ASSOCIATION	Deh Cho Regional Indigenous Lending Library	\$38,500.00
DENE NATION OF NWT	Commemorating the History and Legacy of RS	\$38,500.00
HAMLET OF TULITA	Healing Together	\$15,500.00
INUVALUIT REGIONAL CORPORATION (IRC) RESOLUTION HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM DEPARTMENT	Inuvialuit Elders /Survivors Plan to Reclaim Inuvialuit Laws	\$50,000.00
NWT RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION	"How I Survived": Recreation at Northern Residential Schools, Hostels, and Indian Day Schools	\$40,000.00
SOARING EAGLE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE	Aiding Curative Discussion	\$20,800.00
TLICHO LEAGIA TS'IILI KO	Acknowledging Our Past, Celebrating Our Resilience, Healing Our Future	\$38,500.00
WEST POINT FIRST NATION	Honouring the West Point First Nation RS Survivors	\$4,750.00
YELLOWKNIVES DENE FIRST NATION	Remembering and Healing Together : YKDFN's Commemoration of the History and Legacy of Residential Schools	\$38,500.00

## Provincial-Territorial Reactions to the Kamloops Residential School Announcement (as of June 4, 2021)

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BC	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief coroner's statement – "We are early in the process of gathering information and will continue to work collaboratively with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and others as this sensitive work progresses."</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at Legislature flown at half-mast.</li> <li>Premier Horgan will be visiting the northern B.C. community of Lower Post on June 21, National Indigenous People Day, for the demolishing of a former residential school there. It will start the process of building a new community centre, supported by both the federal and provincial government. BC previously announced it will invest <b>\$1.5M</b> to build the new facility.</li> <li>Premier Horgan repeated his government's responsibility to implement the 94 calls to action in the TRC noting the government's commitment through mandate letters, work being done, and the adoption of UNDRIP.</li> <li>B.C. provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry committed to meeting with her teams to discuss further steps and work to implement more of the calls to action and rights outlined in United Nations</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation received a grant from <u>B.C.'s Pathway to Healing program</u>, which allowed the nation to pay for ground-penetrating radar in finding the 215 children.</li> <li>BC government opposition (most notably, Green MLA Adam Olsen, member of the Tsartlip First Nation, and Liberal MLA, Ellis Ross member of the Haisla First Nation) have criticized Premier Horgan for being too slow to make meaningful moves towards reconciliation.</li> </ul>



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	<p>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Minister Murray Rankin said he has spoken with Chief Rosanne Casimir to offer support to the Nation.</li> <li>Prime Minister Trudeau spoke with Premier John Horgan to discuss the horrific discovery around the former Kamloops Indian Residential School of the children whose lives were taken, working together on the Calls to Action, and the ongoing challenges and systemic racism Indigenous peoples face.</li> </ul>		
Alberta	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Effective immediately</u>, Alberta survivors of the residential school system who want to reclaim their traditional Indigenous names will never be required to pay for a fee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Alberta government</u> intends to fund research into the undocumented deaths and burials of hundreds of Indigenous children who did not make their way home. The details of that funding will be announced in the coming days.</li> <li>In a recent meeting with Treaty 6 Chiefs, representatives of the Government of Alberta announced that the provincial government is exploring options for supplementary mental wellness supports.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ISC Alberta Region has identified this as a significant pending mental wellness concern/crisis, and as such will be requesting essential increases to IRS funding to ensure the adequate provision of health supports and cultural supports throughout the process. Of note: at least 26 Residential Schools operated in Alberta between 1893 and 1996, the highest number of Residential Schools in Canada.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>The Remembering the Children Society</u>, which has worked for over a decade to identify and mark the forgotten graves on the site of the former Red Deer Indian Industrial School, would like to hire a company to do the ground-penetrating radar needed to identify all the graves at the site.</li> <li><u>Nineteen</u> graves have been located so far, but 69 students are recorded to have died at the Red Deer Indian Industrial School, according to the memorial register kept by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.</li> <li>The provincial government has purchased the Red Deer Indian Industrial School graveyard site and is negotiating with First Nations groups. Alberta government officials want to gain consensus on what the next step should be from the eight First Nations and Métis communities that the deceased students came from.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags lowered to half-mast at municipal buildings across the province.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In response to the call for renaming schools named for John A. MacDonald, Egerton Ryerson, Hector-Louis Langevin and Vital-Justin Grandin, Premier Kenney stated that <u>Canada is a great historical achievement and that even though MacDonald was imperfect, he was still a great leader. The Premier also said that “cancelling” these figures over historical injustices would cancel the vast majority of our history.</u></li> </ul>
Saskatchewan	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Premier Moe states: With an estimated 20 federal residential schools operated in Saskatchewan, meaningful reconciliation in our province must include research into the estimated hundreds of children that did not return home after attending these institutions, including radar ground search. Saskatchewan is prepared to support this work through the Ministry of First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs in collaboration with the FSIN and First Nations in Saskatchewan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at provincial Legislature are being flown at half-mast. search on undocumented deaths and burials in residential schools is being led by FSIN Chief Bobby Cameron and the Saskatchewan government is prepared to assist, help, support in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On May 31, a joint call was issued by the FSIN and Government of Saskatchewan for the Government of Canada to immediately commence research on undocumented deaths and burials in residential schools in Saskatchewan, including radar ground search at residential school sites. The province also indicated they will help expedite the process in any way it can.</li> <li>The ISC Saskatchewan regional office has received increased calls for mental health supports and additional resources from multiple First Nations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per the FSIN, the initial sites for the search should include Muskowekwan Indian Residential School (IRS), Onion Lake St. Anthony's IRS, Beauval IRS, Guy Hill IRS, Lebreton IRS and Sturgeon Landing IRS, along with additional sites in consultation with First Nations in Saskatchewan.</li> <li><u>The province</u> has recently acted to protect cemeteries at residential school sites in Saskatchewan. In 2019, the Battleford Industrial School Cemetery, the resting place for at least 74 children who died while attending the institution, was marked as a Provincial Heritage Property. Similarly, the Regina Indian Industrial School Cemetery, the resting place of approximately 36 children, was designated a Provincial Heritage Property in 2017.</li> <li>The last residential school in Canada, located in Saskatchewan, closed in 1996.</li> </ul>

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	any way possible. If Saskatchewan does have unmarked sites, the government wants to work as quickly as possible to identify who may be in those sites	communities and Tribal Councils/organizations in light of the discovery. The region acknowledges this is on top of the overly taxed mental health system given the impacts of COVID-19 response. A placemat with all available mental health supports in SK will be sent out to all First Nations partners this week and the region is reaching out/responding to direct requests through various program areas.	
<b>Manitoba</b>	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at the province's legislature and Memorial Park were lowered to honour the lives lost and the building was lit in Orange.</li> <li>Eileen Clarke, the Indigenous and Northern Relations Minister, said the province could search all former residential school grounds in the province</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs</u> feels the Premier's response was delayed and emotionless, and ultimately, disrespectful.</li> <li>Manitoba's <u>NDP and Liberal parties</u> are calling on the Pallister government to provide resources to search all former residential school grounds in the province for unmarked burial sites.</li> </ul>

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	for unmarked burial sites as part of Manitoba's reconciliation strategy.		
Ontario	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ontario government said it would work with the opposition to draft a bill that would lead to searches at the province's former residential school sites.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Ford Government</u> committed to searching and excavating former residential school sites across Ontario.</li> <li><u>Progressive Conservative</u> House Leader Paul Calandra said the government looks forward to working with First Nations to ensure that grounds get searched, and said he would work alongside the opposition on creating a day of mourning. No funding amounts or timelines have been provided.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Flags</u> at all provincial and municipal government buildings flown at half-mast.</li> <li><u>The Ontario legislature</u> on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 unanimously agreed to grant Indigenous New Democrat MPP Sol Mamakwa 10 minutes to speak about the children who died. However, Premier Ford was called out for not being present during the speech.</li> <li>Ontario legislature moves Egerton Ryerson painting and bust to a different part of the legislature after request by Opposition</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Previous</u> liberal government in 2016 had committed to update primary and secondary school curricula to reflect the legacy of residential schools in collaboration with Indigenous partners but this decision was reversed by the Ford government in 2018.</li> <li><u>Education</u> minister Stephen Lecce says the curriculum was updated in 2019 with First Nation, Metis and Inuit culture but Indigenous stakeholders say this was a one-sided process and done without meaningful consultation and collaboration.</li> </ul>

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Quebec	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Quebec's Indigenous Affairs Minister</u> said that the province is open to searching the grounds of former residential schools for graves, if survivors and their families are in favour. The Minister's office has started reaching out to families, Indigenous leaders and his federal counterpart to discuss the possibility.</li> <li>A first step would involve securing the sites of the former residential schools, four of which are currently located on Indigenous lands. However, the Indigenous Affairs Minister said the province would wait for a green light from the families before doing so.</li> <li>The intention of the province would be to follow the lead of Indigenous communities, families, partners, and leadership instead of imposing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags lowered to half-mast at municipal buildings across the province</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While some aspects of the operation (searching sites) fall under federal responsibility, Quebec would be willing to provide logistical and technological support and pair that with the knowledge of Elders from First Nations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister Lafrenière also says that the adoption of Bill 79 should help Indigenous families gain access to the files of their missing children after they were taken into care by the Quebec health network. Chief Ghislain Picard of the AFNQL wants the Indigenous residential schools to be included in Bill 79, which the Government of Quebec opposes, since it believes that it is up to the federal government to study the residential schools aspect. According to the AFNQL and the FNQLHSSC, the objective of Bill 79 is too restrictive and does not allow the exercise of the fundamental right to the truth.</li> </ul>
New Brunswick	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Premier Higgs</b> announced the province will investigate NB's Indian day schools and ask if any children "did not make it home" after attending. <b>Minister Dunn</b> noted that no timeline, budget, or</li> </ul>		

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	<p>details have been finalized. The Premier and Minister will meet with First Nations Chiefs to discuss this issue. <a href="#">Article</a>.</p> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at the legislature and all provincial buildings lowered to half-mast. Legislators paused for a moment of silence on June 1 to recognize the discovery, and the MLAs wore orange ribbons to mark the tragedy. The Legislative Assembly was also lit up in orange on June 1, and the lights will remain this way until June 8. (RO)</li> </ul>		
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced</li> <li>The Mi'kmaq Education Services Branch of the department of Education and early Childhood Development will continue to work in partnership with government departments, Regional Centres for Education, Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), teachers and principals to advance the work of building elements of treaty education into the curriculum of each grade. (RO)</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Premier Iain Rankin contacted Chief Mike Sack of Sipekne'katik First Nation, which is located nearest the site of Shubenacadie Residential School, to vow that the province will continue to be a partner. (RO)</li> <li>Premier Rankin called British Columbia Premier John Horgan to ask how the site survey had been</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since 2019, surveys led by Parks Canada have been conducted on the site of the former residential school. Nova Scotia is partnering with Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn Negotiation Office (KMKNO) to continue the search.</li> </ul>

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	<p>funded. Nova Scotia will see how it can emulate this approach. (RO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Premier Rankin stated that his government is ready to assist however it can as it is committed to continue the journey to reconciliation. (RO)</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, all provincial buildings lowered flags to half-mast for 215 hours, until sunset on June 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>		
PEI	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Charlottetown city council voted unanimously to permanently remove the Sir John A. Macdonald statue in downtown Prince Edward Island's capital. (RO)</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All government administrative buildings and schools will be lowering their flags to half-mast until sunset June 8; one hour for every child who life was lost on the grounds of former Kamloops Residential School.</li> </ul>		
Newfoundland and Labrador	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> <li>Premier Andrew Furey will be having a call with Indigenous leaders later this week to help guide him on how to find a path forward, noting that any</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Province is hopeful that the inquiry into Innu children in the Newfoundland and Labrador child care system will begin this year. Funding previously set aside for the Innu Children in Care Inquiry</li> </ul>

Province/ Territory	Commitments/Initiatives	Expectations of the federal government	Other Information
	<p>decisions made will be ones of reconciliation and will act on whatever actions come up during the call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NL government has formally decided to change the province's 400-year-old coat of arms, which includes a description referring to Indigenous people as "savages." A formal notice was submitted June 03 to the legislature after discussions with Indigenous leaders.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister Lisa Dempster has spoken with Indigenous leaders and the province is willing to survey all residential schools and orphanages in the province, though there has been no formal request. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> <li>The province is planning to fulfil its commitment made by Premier Dwight Ball in 2017 to apologize to residential school survivors. (RO)</li> <li>Premier Furey is hopeful that the inquiry into Innu children in NFLD childcare system will begin this year, with money already set aside in the budget. <a href="#">Article</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <p>Flags in front of the Confederation Building and other sites around the province are at half-mast, and the House of Assembly held a moment of silence on May 31.</p>		
Yukon	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yukon University has requested to do a blanket exercise on June 8<sup>th</sup> to bring awareness to the impacts of the Indian Residential Schools.</li> </ul>



Province/ Territory	Commitments/Initiatives	Expectations of the federal government	Other Information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags on all Yukon government buildings will fly at half-mast for 215 hours.</li> <li>Premier Silver stated that: "We stand in support for the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous communities as they continue to search for and uncover evidence of the harms committed against them by governments and churches throughout Canada." (RO)</li> <li>The Yukon Government stands with Chief Haa Shaa du Hen Lynda Dickson of Carcross/Tagish First Nation, and supports the national call for a full investigation into residential school sites. Remain committed to working with First Nations partners to advance reconciliation and will be having a conversation at the Yukon Forum this Friday, June 4, 2021. (RO)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ISC Northern Region is supporting the University by providing clinical counselling services with the Indian Residential School Counselling program.</li> </ul>
NWT	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NWT Government will support Indigenous leaders who want to find unmarked burial sites, including bringing a proposal to Indigenous governments to assist them in research projects to document and protect residential cemeteries. Premier Caroline Cochrane committed to bringing this idea forward at the Territory's multilateral table which includes Indigenous leadership, citing that it is not her place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Premier Cochrane also committed to pressing the federal government once a strategy is developed in NWT with Indigenous leadership. The Premier said she will speak with Prime Minister Trudeau about the federal government's obligations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GNWT has been consulting with Indigenous governments on the implementation of UNDRIP and will meet again on June 11.</li> </ul>

Province/ Territory	Commitments/Initiatives	Expectations of the federal government	Other Information
	<p>to make the decision to find the unmarked burial sites for Indigenous partners. <a href="#">Article</a>.</p> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flags at all territorial buildings flown at half-mast.</li> </ul>		
Nunavut	<p><b>Firm Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funding commitments have been announced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Intentions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbolic Gestures/Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government of Nunavut to lower all its flags to half-mast for nine days - the equivalent of an hour for each of the 215 children found.</li> <li>Premier Savikataaq released a statement calling the discovery devastating, noting: "...the legacy of deep intergenerational trauma, rooted in attempted cultural genocide and assimilation. I send my love and support to the families of the victims, and to all survivors and those affected by residential schools. We stand together, unwavering in our cultures and languages, determined to heal." He also shared the statement on the discovery of the Kamloops Indian residential school to his social media pages, acknowledging "lots of pain and trauma for our communities" and to "please reach out".</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To date, there have been no requests for support or financial assistance received by ISC from Nunavut.</li> </ul>

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 4, 2021 8:38 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response

Ah - okay. I had a looser reference (below) - will add that it's daily and give it higher profile

☐ Deputy Minister-level meetings will be informed by regular discussions of lead Assistant Deputy Ministers, currently being convened daily by Crown-Indigenous Relations

-----Original Message-----

From: Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 8:35 AM  
To: Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>  
Cc: Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
Subject: RE: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response

No, I am referring to the daily ADM meetings with CIRNA and PCH.

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From: Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>  
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 8:35 AM  
To: Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
Cc: Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
Subject: RE: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response

At the DM level? Sure - I'll add. Will we be convening this meeting?

-----Original Message-----

From: Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 8:33 AM  
To: Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>  
Cc: Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
Subject: RE: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response

I think this looks great and what I had in mind.

The one addition is the core group of CIRNA, ISC and PCH will meet daily to make sure we are organized.

Can you add, share with Gail to make sure she is comfortable and then I will send to PCO and all. Merci!

-----Original Message-----

From: Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>  
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 12:26 AM  
To: Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
Cc: Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
Subject: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response

Hi, Chris. Not sure if this is what you have in mind - take a look and let me know if this is on the right track. I'm happy to make any adjustments in the morning.

Thanks,  
Carolyn

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 4, 2021 9:21 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response

All good - it didn't take long and time is of the essence :)

-----Original Message-----

From: Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 9:20 AM  
To: Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>  
Cc: Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
Subject: RE: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response

Thanks again for this. Approved. You were up late last night....I hope you have coffee this morning!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>  
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 9:11 AM  
To: Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
Cc: Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
Subject: FW: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response  
Importance: High

Made the one revision, below:

o Daily meetings of lead Assistant Deputy Ministers (Crown-Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Services Canada, Canadian Heritage), currently being convened by Crown-Indigenous Relations

Gail just texted that she's fine with it. Okay if she shares with Martin R, or would you like to share with DM Q-W (and other DMs) first?

Thanks,  
Carolyn

-----Original Message-----

From: Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 8:40 AM  
To: Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC) <gail.mitchell@canada.ca>  
Subject: GOC Governance - Kamloops Response  
Importance: High

Chris asked last night for a piece on broader whole-of-government governance (attached). She reviewed this morning and is comfortable, but asked me to share with you for any comments before she sends to PCO/DMs.

Are you able to review on a priority basis this morning?

Thanks,  
Carolyn

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 1, 2021 12:25 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: ISC / CTA

The link below is to all CTAs – I just cut-and-pasted the ones for 72-76

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 12:24 PM  
**To:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <[carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: ISC / CTA

Thanks, sorry – relevant to Kamloops or all TRC CtoA relevant to our dept?

At some stage, I am interested in seeing all of the ones we are involved with (complete, in progress and outstanding).

Merci! Chris

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <[carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 12:21 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** ISC / CTA

Gail indicates that Sylvain Souligny/CFRDO is refreshing the info on ISC actions against all the relevant recommendations – including those specifically related to CTAs 72-76. I'll just to get an ETA.

In the meantime, here's what's on the website – across all CTAs, but 72-76 – which all show a CIR lead . . .

[Delivering on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action \(rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca\)](https://rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca)

**71. We call upon all chief coroners and provincial vital statistics agencies that have not provided to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada their records on the deaths of Aboriginal children in the care of residential school authorities to make these documents available to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.**

### **What's happening?**

The Government of Canada is not the lead on a response for Call to Action 71.

**72. We call upon the federal government to allocate sufficient resources to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to allow it to develop and maintain the National Residential School Student Death Register established by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.**

### **What's happening?**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada has provided funding to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to support the development of a database registering the children who died or went missing while at Indian residential schools. This represents a critical first step towards addressing Calls to Action 73 to 76.

In addition, Budget 2019 announced \$33.8 million over 3 years, starting in fiscal year 2019 to 2020, to develop and maintain the National Residential School Student Death Register and work with parties to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries.

**73. We call upon the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including, where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children.**

### **What's happening?**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada has begun discussions with various partners, internal and external to the federal government, towards collaborating on an engagement strategy to gain a better understanding of the range of Indigenous family and community needs and interests and about how best to move forward in a comprehensive manner on all of the calls to actions regarding children who died or went missing while attending Indian residential schools (Calls to Action 72 to 76).

In addition, Budget 2019 announced \$33.8 million over 3 years, starting in fiscal year 2019 to 2020, to develop and maintain the National Residential School Student Death Register and work with parties to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries.

**74. We call upon the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who died at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies and markers, and reburial in home communities where requested.**

### **What's happening?**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada has begun discussions with various partners, internal and external to the federal government, towards collaborating on an engagement strategy to gain a better understanding of the range of Indigenous family and community needs and interests and about how best to move forward in a comprehensive manner on all of the calls to actions regarding children who died or went missing while attending Indian residential schools (Calls to Action 72 to 76).

**75. We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of**



**appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.**

### **What's happening?**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada has begun discussions with various partners, internal and external to the federal government, towards collaborating on an engagement strategy to gain a better understanding of the range of Indigenous family and community needs and interests and about how best to move forward in a comprehensive manner on all of the calls to actions regarding children who died or went missing while attending Indian residential schools (Calls to Action 72 to 76).

**76. We call upon the parties engaged in the work of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries to adopt strategies in accordance with the following principles:**

- i. The Aboriginal community most affected shall lead the development of such strategies.
- ii. Information shall be sought from residential school Survivors and other Knowledge Keepers in the development of such strategies.
- iii. Aboriginal protocols shall be respected before any potentially invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site.

### **What's happening?**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada has begun discussions with various partners, internal and external to the federal government, towards collaborating on an engagement strategy to gain a better understanding of the range of Indigenous family and community needs and interests and about how best to move forward in a comprehensive manner on all of the calls to actions regarding children who died or went missing while attending Indian residential schools (Calls to Action 72 to 76).

## **Related links**

- [Delivering on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#)

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 2, 2021 9:31 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Spoke with Lynne – they expect to have (at a minimum) an overview of what PTs are saying publicly by late this aft. They will also reach out to Regions to try to get a pulse on early opportunities to partner with PTs, but that may trickle in over the next day or two.

Hoping that works . . .

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:51 PM  
**To:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <[carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Hmmm, how realistic is it to have such analysis this week?

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <[carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:44 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Would it be helpful to have Lynne Newman's group to a quick search of PT public reactions and commitments?

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** Quan-Watson, Daniel (AADNC/AANDC) <[daniel.watson@canada.ca](mailto:daniel.watson@canada.ca)>; Isaak, Paula (CANNOR) <[paula.isaak@canada.ca](mailto:paula.isaak@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>; Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <[carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** Kamloops

Hi:

I am getting some requests on our next steps with respect to Kamloops and specifically on support for communities to conduct land surveys. ON wants to partner, as does MB – I know we have a call tonight but perhaps would be good for us to discuss and see how we engage PTs. If you agree, perhaps I can set up a call for later or tomorrow?

Thanks.

Chris

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 14, 2021 6:53 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

I had asked earlier today and didn't get a response, so good that you reached out directly.

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**From:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 6:51 PM  
**To:** Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC) <gail.mitchell@canada.ca>; Newman, Lynne (AADNC/AANDC) <lynne.newman@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>; Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** Kamloops  
**Importance:** High

Hi,

I wanted to follow up on where things stand since the FPT meeting. We had discussed a follow-up email detailing our program at federal level and the requests that have come in to share bilaterally. I m a bit concerned as I would like to get info out ASAP and apologies if things are with me but I did want to check on our planning....let me know.  
thanks. Chris

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 7, 2021 5:54 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** READOUT FPT DMs of IA meeting re: residential school sites, June 7, 2021

Clean version . . .

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Today, June 7, 2021, Deputy Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, Christiane Fox, chaired a meeting with her Deputy Minister counterparts from CIRNA (Daniel Quan-Watson) and PCH (Gina Wilson), and with DM/ADMs from all provinces and territories (with the exception of Nova Scotia), on federal-provincial/territorial collaboration in response to the discovery at what could be the remains of children at the site of the former Kamloops Residential School.

### **Federal Deputies highlighted the following main points:**

- Federal programming available includes:
  - ISC – Mental health, help lines, lands and demolition of residential schools
  - PCH – Commemorating the History and Legacy of Residential Schools Fund (\$13.4M over 5 years + \$2.5M ongoing)
  - CIRNA – Residential school Impacts funding (\$27M) in three areas:
    - 1) Community research knowledge gathering and planning
    - 2) Archaeological work and experts
    - 3) Memorials and commemorationDetails and application forms to be posted tomorrow (June 8)
- Other federal departments and agencies have come forward to offer assistance (DND, RCMP, Transport Canada)
- The federal government is offering a “no wrong door” coordinated approach, to be led by a task force
- Federal/provincial/territorial partnerships are emerging; strong, open lines of communication among levels of government and complementarity are essential

### **Provincial and territorial participants noted:**

- The need for Indigenous communities to lead and for federal, provincial and territorial governments to support
- Strong support for this forum to share information, coordinate approaches, and avoid multiple doors
- A desire to explore funding coordination where possible, as well as the potential need for greater funding
- The critical importance of mental health supports, particularly given overlay with pandemic and opioid crisis
- The impacts of high levels of media attention on individuals and communities
- The need to continue efforts and progress on the Calls to Action and broader initiatives towards reconciliation.

### **Provincial and territorial participants also shared some more specific interests and opportunities to collaborate, including:**

- BC (offer to stand up an Emergency Operations Centre for/with Tk’emlups)
- Saskatchewan (potential to partner on incoming FSIN proposal)
- Ontario (developing proposal for Minister and Cabinet, similar in construct to new CIRNA programming)
- New Brunswick (impacts for day schools)
- PEI/others (issue of children sent to residential school out-of-province)
- NU and NWT (desire to partner on recovery/treatment centres)
- NWT (interest in accessing ground-penetrating radar expertise/technology without investing in their own)

- Yukon (upcoming demolition of former Lower Post residential school, with Premiers Horgan and Silver to attend)

**Follow-ups** - Federal Deputies agreed to share:

1. Short descriptions/links to relevant federal programs
2. Requests received from communities by jurisdiction (bilaterally)
3. Details on available mental health supports and key statistics.

The Deputy Minister of ISC committed to organize follow-up meetings of the Table to maintain open lines of communication.

**Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 6:38 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** Revised package  
**Attachments:** FPT DMs Kamloops June 2021 Agenda.docx; EOC - Kamloops (002).docx; FA-IGRD-SPP###-Kamloops Residential School-FPT Mtg of Indig Affairs DMs\_ 7June2021-Agenda\_draft (005).docx

Chris, here is revised FPT meeting agenda and invitation, and the overview of the approach/tiger team.

I added a couple of things to the EOC (reference to tracking proposals, requests, engagements) – standing by if you would like any further revisions.

For the invitation text, French fixed up (!) and added your point about inviting PTs to send a delegate if they cannot attend. Also note the last square bracketed paragraph before the signature block which the DM may or may not wish to include (though I like it).

Thanks,  
C

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## Invitation

Bonjour chers collègues,

À la suite de l'annonce de la découverte dévastatrice au pensionnat de Kamloops, j'aimerais vous inviter à discuter des développements et des stratégies pour aborder la question des pensionnats alors que nous essayons tous de naviguer sur la voie à suivre.

Au cours de cette réunion, nous partagerons des informations sur les outils et les soutiens fédéraux que nous pouvons exploiter et quelques réflexions initiales sur la façon dont nous pouvons coordonner les efforts.

Je compte sur vous pour partager les demandes et les réactions reçues au sein de votre juridiction, ce que votre gouvernement pourrait envisager comme réponse et quelles opportunités pourraient se présenter pour former des partenariats.

Je comprends qu'il s'agisse d'un préavis plutôt court, mais j'attends avec impatience votre contribution à cette importante discussion. Veuillez envoyer un délégué si vous ne pouvez pas y assister.

[Nos pensées vont toujours à la Première Nation Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc et à tous ceux qui sont directement et indirectement touchés par cette découverte troublante et par l'héritage du système des pensionnats.]

Christiane Fox  
Sous-ministre, Services aux Autochtones Canada

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Good Afternoon Colleagues,

Following the announcement of the devastating discovery at the Kamloops Indian residential school, I would like to invite you to discuss developments and strategies to address the residential schools issue as we all try to navigate the path forward.

During this meeting, we will share information about federal tools and supports that can be leveraged and some initial thoughts on how we may coordinate efforts.

I am looking to you to share requests and reactions received within your jurisdiction, what your government may be considering as a response, and what opportunities might arise for partnership.

I appreciate this is rather short notice but I look forward to your input in this important discussion. Please send a delegate if you are unable to attend.

[Our thoughts continue to be with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all those directly and indirectly affected by this unsettling discovery and by the legacy of the residential school system.]

Christiane Fox  
Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada



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## **Proposal for a Response Team:**

### **Findings of Children's Remains at Indian Residential Schools**

June 2021

#### **Issue:**

- The finding of children's remains at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School has raised the profile of the issues surrounding missing children and burial information in relation to the legacy of residential schools in Canada.
- While Crown-Indigenous Relations has a leadership role in the Government's response and forward strategy, Indigenous Services Canada is heavily implicated, including with respect to:
  - Its program streams, and in particular, land and environment, mental health and healing, child and family services, education and associated investments
  - Its regional presence
  - Its policy directions, ensuring alignment with other initiatives (MMIWG CFS, UNDRIP, justice and policing etc) and providing evidence-based advice to Ministers
  - Its litigation management strategy
  - Its relationships with partners – Indigenous partners, PTs, CAs/OGDs (esp CIRNA and PCH), survivors and families, international organizations including UN
  - Its strategic communications with regional, national and international media
  - Its staff complement, with a high percentage of Indigenous employees
- Given the whole-of-ISC implications in responding to the TRC Calls to Action (in particular 71-76), it is recommended that the Department launch a tiger team to coordinate ISC response and contribute to the broader Government effort.

#### **Mandate:**

- To support the Minister and the Deputies in setting strategic direction and prioritizing actions and resources, aligning with other whole of government efforts to address the TRC Calls to Action
- To be accountable for and track the Department's actions that demonstrate progress against TRC Calls to Action
- To provide leadership on behalf of ISC as the point of contact with CIR on coordinated response
- To support whole-of-ISC governance to ensure a timely, coordinated and sustained response
- To provide a single point of entry/exit on information and directions with respect to the response
  - With Regions
  - With CAs and OGDs (especially CIR, PCH, Justice, Public Safety)
  - With Indigenous partners
  - With PTs, including development of FPT coordinated response strategies, where appropriate;
- To support sectors in their engagements
- To be culturally-safe, trauma and violence informed

#### **Organization:**

- Given the whole-of-ISC, cross-sectoral implications, it is suggested that the Response Team be situated within the Strategic Policy and Partnerships Sector (SPP)

- The Team would be:
  - Headed by an Executive (suggest EX-03 level), reporting directly to the ADM, Strategic Policy & Partnerships
  - Include 4 temporary full-time FTEs (suggest one FTE with experience in each of policy, operations, engagement, including Indigenous and PT) as micro-missions
  - Leverage a broader network across the department, with designated contacts in each of the Department's sectors and functions

**Next Steps:**

- Confirm establishment of team in SPP
- Identify lead Executive, and nominate FTEs
- Identify sector/functional points of contact
- Organize for early deliverables, including
  - dashboard on key information (incoming requests/proposals)
  - tracking of engagements
- Note to Minister on organization and early deliverables, including:
  - Governance
  - Go-Forward Strategy, with Short- and Medium-Term Deliverables, including: recommended outreach, research/analysis, and decisions required, timing

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 10, 2021 11:59 AM  
**To:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC); Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC); Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC); DG Communications (SAC/ISC)  
**Subject:** RE: For DM Approval - Update to Sunday's Message - Kamloops Residential School

Hi Gen,  
Is this different than the one they approved already?

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**From:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 11:32 AM  
**To:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>; Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>; Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC) <fanny.robert@canada.ca>; DG Communications (SAC/ISC) <sac.dgcommunications.isc@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: For DM Approval - Update to Sunday's Message - Kamloops Residential School

Bonjour à vous trois,

Pour l'approbation des SMs svp, voici les ajouts au message préalablement approuvé.

Merci beaucoup,  
Gen

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**Issue:** Follow up message re Kamloops, TRC, the \$27M in funding for the NCTR, and June 11 being the anniversary of the apology to former students of residential schools  
**Context :** The message was approved by both DMOs but DM Fox suggested that we adjust and send out on June 11, the day of the anniversary of the apology to former students of residential schools, since we missed the June 2 CTA anniversary.  
**Deadline:** ASAP as it's to be sent tomorrow, Friday, June 11  
**Additions approved by:** Gen, LA, Aruna  
**Next Steps:** DMOs  
**File:** <https://gcdocs.intra.pri/aanc-inac/llisapi.dll/open/95150258>

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: For DM Approval - Update to Sunday's Message - Kamloops Residential School

Fanny, Gen,

The DM approved the message but noted that the anniversary was June 2 and that the message is out of date. She suggested the message could go out for the 11<sup>th</sup> of June which is the anniversary of the apology for RS. Would that work?

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC) <[fanny.robert@canada.ca](mailto:fanny.robert@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <[genevieve.guibert@canada.ca](mailto:genevieve.guibert@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: For DM Approval - Update to Sunday's Message - Kamloops Residential School

You are correct! I will send a reminder now

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**From:** Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC) <[fanny.robert@canada.ca](mailto:fanny.robert@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 9:33 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: For DM Approval - Update to Sunday's Message - Kamloops Residential School

Bonjour  
I lost track on that one. But I think I haven't heard back from you.

**Fanny ROBERT, MBA**

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**From:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <[genevieve.guibert@canada.ca](mailto:genevieve.guibert@canada.ca)>  
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**Subject:** RE: For DM Approval - Update to Sunday's Message - Kamloops Residential School

Salut Geni,

Have you heard back from the DMs on your side?

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Hi all, approved by Associate Isaak

Thank you,  
Sandra

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Hello,

Approval from Associate DM Isaak is pending.

DM Quan-Watson has approved with one addition – please add in the help lines info

Thank you,  
Sandra

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**Attachments:** DM message - CIRNCA ISC - 6th TCA anniversary 2021-06-02.docx

Chris,

This message has already been approved by DM Watson who asked for a line to be added on the help lines. Forwarding to you given that Val will be busy with the tech briefing today.

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Comms is hoping to send this updated message from the joint ISC-CIRNA DM account as soon as we get approval.

I will share with the DM once you have a chance to review.

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Dear colleagues,

Today, June 2, marks the 6th anniversary of the release of the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and the finding of the unmarked gravesite in Kamloops only confirms what was stated many times during the hearings.

In 2016, the Government of Canada made the commitment to fund the work of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) and committed in Budget 2019 to continue the work started by the TRC and to implement Calls to Action 74 to 76 (Missing Children and Burial Information) with \$27 million in funding.

This funding is supporting the NCTR in establishing the registries for deaths, burials and cemeteries. This funding will also support Indigenous partners and communities in developing community plans, conducting research and gathering local knowledge, accessing professional archaeological investigation services to identify and delineate burial sites, and to memorialize, commemorate and return their loved ones' remains home, as requested.

But beyond this funding, symbols and speeches, what remains important is that we must all individually work to build a better, more inclusive, more understanding future. And it starts with learning and being open to each other and make sure everyone around us is important.

Reconciliation is about healing. Reconciliation requires acknowledging the truth. Reconciliation requires each of us to do our part to understand the pain and work in partnership with Indigenous peoples on the path forward.

Merci / Thank you / Ekosani / Miigwech / Meegwetch / Mahseecho / Mutna / Wopida /  
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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** May 28, 2021 3:45 PM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC); Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC); Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** DMs message on Kamloops Indian Residential School  
**Attachments:** CIRNAC\_ISC - DM Message - Kamloops \_2021-05-28.docx

Val, Chris,  
Sending concurrently given urgency

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**From:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>; Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>; Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** DG Communications (SAC/ISC) <sac.dgcommunications.isc@canada.ca>; Renaud-Da Costa, Brianne (AADNC/AANDC) <brianne.renaud-dacosta@canada.ca>; Robert, Fanny (AADNC/AANDC) <fanny.robert@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: DMs message on Kamloops Indian Residential School

Here you go, approved on our end.

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>; Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: DMs message on Kamloops Indian Residential School

Hi Gen,  
Apologies for pressing, but could you share an ETA for the message? DM is asking

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**From:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 1:24 PM  
**To:** Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: DMs message on Kamloops Indian Residential School

I just learned about it now so if there's already a draft floating somewhere, it wasn't developed by my team. I'll check with the region.

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**From:** Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 1:20 PM  
**To:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** DMs message on Kamloops Indian Residential School

Hi, I understand there's a draft 4 DMs message being developed on Kamloops Indian Residential School

DM Quan-Watson was asking about it. Do you have a draft to share or any other update?

Thank you,  
Sandra

**Sandra Stevenson**

Conseillère Principale | Senior Advisor

Bureau de la sous-ministre déléguée | Associate Deputy Minister's Office

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## **Message des sous-ministres de RCAANC et de SAC**

### **Sujet : Pensionnat autochtones à Kamloops / Kamloops Indian Residential School**

(English follows)

*Ce message traite de sujets susceptibles de provoquer des traumatismes évoqués par des souvenirs d'abus passés. Nous reconnaissons que certains employés peuvent ne pas vouloir continuer à lire pour minimiser le risque associé au déclenchement.*

Chers collègues,

C'est avec beaucoup de tristesse que nous avons appris la découverte de 215 corps d'enfants sur le site d'un ancien pensionnat autochtone à Kamloops, en Colombie-Britannique.

Nos pensées vont aujourd'hui vers la Première Nation Tk'emlups te Secwépemc ainsi que toutes les personnes touchées directement ou non par cette macabre découverte et par l'héritage du système des pensionnats indiens.

Cela nous rappelle un chapitre très sombre de notre histoire. Mais nous devons continuer à travailler avec les survivants et les familles des victimes afin de rebâtir une relation basée sur la reconnaissance de leurs droits, le respect, la collaboration et la confiance. Nos ministères se sont adressés à des partenaires, comme l'Autorité sanitaire des Premières nations, pour offrir toute l'aide qu'ils peuvent fournir.

Traduit avec [www.DeepL.com/Translator](http://www.DeepL.com/Translator) (version gratuite)

Si vous avez besoin de support psychologique, ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui en aurait besoin, différentes ressources sont offertes dont la [ligne d'aide aux employés](#) disponible par téléphone au 1-800-268-7708 (pour malentendant - ATS au 1-800-567-5803). Une ligne d'écoute téléphonique de [Résolution des questions de pensionnats indiens](#) offre du soutien aux anciens élèves des pensionnats indiens. Jour et nuit, vous pouvez accéder à des services de soutien affectif et d'aiguillage en situation de crise en composant le : 1-866-925-4419. Les employés autochtones peuvent aussi rejoindre la ligne d'écoute d'espoir pour le mieux-être au 1-855-242-3310 ou clavarder en ligne [sur leur site](#).

Merci / Thank you / Ekosani / Miigwech/ Meegwetch / Mahseecho / Mutna/ Wopida / Hei Hei / Marci Cho / ᑭᓄᓐᓴᓐᓴᓐᓴᓐ / Quanaqqutit / Nakurmik / Kukwstsétsemc / Woliwun

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*This email deals with topics that may cause trauma invoked by memories of past abuse. We recognize some employees may not want to read on to minimize the risk associated with triggering.*

Dear colleagues,

It was with great sadness that we learned of the discovery of 215 children's bodies at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Our thoughts today are with the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc First Nation and all those directly and indirectly affected by this gruesome discovery and by the legacy of the residential school system.

It reminds us of a very dark chapter in our history. But we must continue to work with survivors and families of those lost to rebuild a relationship based on recognition of their rights, respect, collaboration and trust. Our departments have reached out to partners, such as the First Nations Health Authority, to offer any assistance that the Departments can provide.

If you need support or know someone who would need it, different resources are available to you through the [Employee Assistance Program](#) by calling 1-800-268-7708 (or TTY for people with hearing impairments at 1-800-567-5803). A [National Indian Residential School Crisis Line](#) has been set up to provide support for former Residential School students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling 24-Hour National Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419. Indigenous employees can also access the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310 or connect to the online chat on [their website](#).

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## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** May 28, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC); Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC); Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC); Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** FW: FYI DMO - Delivering Media Inquiry: [REDACTED] Globe and Mail, Kamloops Residential School Discovery

Chris, Val,

FYI only because comms had a 2:30 deadline, but if you have any input, it could be added to future responses. It's for background info for an upcoming TV panel discussion.

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**From:** Michelson, Leslie (AADNC/AANDC) <leslie.michelson@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2021 3:22 PM  
**To:** Robert2, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.robert2@canada.ca>; Stevenson2, Sandra (AADNC/AANDC) <sandra.stevenson2@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>; Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** MacLean3, Megan (AADNC/AANDC) <megan.maclean3@canada.ca>; Midy, Carine (AADNC/AANDC) <carine.midy@canada.ca>; Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC) <aruna.sadana@canada.ca>; DG Communications (SAC/ISC) <sac.dgcommunications.isc@canada.ca>; Gagnon2, Michelle (AADNC/AANDC) <michelle.gagnon2@canada.ca>; Sinclair, James (AADNC/AANDC) <james.sinclair@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** FYI DMO - Delivering Media Inquiry: [REDACTED] Globe and Mail, Kamloops Residential School Discovery

FYI DMO –

Media Relations will be delivering the following media response, which has been approved by RSP ADMO and Aruna Sadana.

Sending as an FYI only given the factual nature of the response and the reporter's deadline of 2:30.

Thank you,

### **Leslie Michelson**

Relations avec les médias | Media Relations  
Services aux Autochtones Canada | Indigenous Services Canada  
Téléphone | Telephone: 819-639-7304  
Courriel | Email: [leslie.michelson@canada.ca](mailto:leslie.michelson@canada.ca)

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**Media Outlet:** [REDACTED] - Globe & Mail, [REDACTED] @globeandmail.com, [REDACTED]  
**Date Received:** May 28, 2021  
**Deadline:** TBD  
**Lead:**  
**Interview request:** NO

Question

Are you able to tell me if the government plans to fund more exploratory work following the discovery of 215 children's bodies found at one BC residential school? I am not writing a story but am prepping for a TV panel and want to make sure I know of any response from the government.

**Response:**

A total of \$33.8 million over three years has been set aside to support this important work. Funding (\$2.6M) has already been provided to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to support their work in developing and maintaining the student death register, called for in Call to Action 72 and the department is in active discussions with the NCTR to provide funding (up to \$800K) to support the development of the burial register, in response to Call to Action 73. The remaining \$27.1 million will be allocated to supporting the important work of communities in locating, memorializing and commemorating those children who died while at Indian Residential Schools. The dark legacy of Indian Residential Schools has caused and continues to cause such harm and pain – the Government has made significant investments to provide health and healing supports to Survivors, their families and communities as determined by them to address their needs.

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 9:22 AM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC); Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** FW: Kamloops  
**Attachments:** CS Funding.pptx

FYI

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**From:** Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) <tonina.simeone@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:21 AM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>; Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <kelley.blanchette@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) <eric.grant@canada.ca>; Danis, Manon (AADNC/AANDC) <manon.danis@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Good morning Kelley and Valerie, below is the financial information for environmental assessment and remediation on sites on or near the Kamloops Indian Residential School undertaken by the contaminated sites program. All work was done in relation to underground oil storage tanks. All the of the sites closed in 2000 and 2001. There were no archeological findings.

- In 1995-96 \$15,920 was spent on environmental site assessment
- In 1998-99 \$53,390 was spent on remediation
- In 1999-00 \$112,847 was spent on remediation

Total expenditures: \$182, 157

The Budget (Vote 1 and Vote 10) for the Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program more broadly is attached.

Please note that the program will continue to work to provide disaggregated site by site amounts. Will keep you apprised as to progress.

Tonina

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:14 AM  
**To:** Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <kelley.blanchette@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>; Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC) <eric.grant@canada.ca>; Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC) <tonina.simeone@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

Ok it would be helpful if possible to have before the INAN appearance but if not, no problem if the question is asked I will say we will follow up.

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----- Original message -----

From: "Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC)" <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
Date: 2021-06-03 8:35 a.m. (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)" <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
Cc: "Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC)" <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>, "Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)" <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>, "Grant, Eric (AADNC/AANDC)" <[eric.grant@canada.ca](mailto:eric.grant@canada.ca)>, "Simeone, Tonina (AADNC/AANDC)" <[tonina.simeone@canada.ca](mailto:tonina.simeone@canada.ca)>  
Subject: RE: Kamloops

Hi Val- we are sorting out the financials today. Will get back to you.

Kelley Blanchette, Ph.D.  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Economic Development  
Sous-ministre adjointe, Terres et développement économique  
Indigenous Services Canada/ Services aux Autochtones Canada  
Tel: 819-997-0114

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 8:07 AM  
**To:** Blanchette, Kelley (AADNC/AANDC) <[kelley.blanchette@canada.ca](mailto:kelley.blanchette@canada.ca)>  
**Cc:** Nadjiwon, Mia (AADNC/AANDC) <[mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca](mailto:mia.nadjiwon@canada.ca)>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Kamloops

How much funding do we have to put towards this annually

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----- Original message -----

From: "Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)" <[eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca](mailto:eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca)>  
Date: 2021-06-02 6:40 p.m. (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC)" <[valerie.gideon@canada.ca](mailto:valerie.gideon@canada.ca)>, "Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC)" <[joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca](mailto:joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca)>, "Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)" <[christiane.fox@canada.ca](mailto:christiane.fox@canada.ca)>, "Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC)" <[gail.mitchell@canada.ca](mailto:gail.mitchell@canada.ca)>, "Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC)" <[keith.conn@canada.ca](mailto:keith.conn@canada.ca)>, "White2, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC)" <[danielle.white2@canada.ca](mailto:danielle.white2@canada.ca)>, "Thompson, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC)" <[philippe.thompson@canada.ca](mailto:philippe.thompson@canada.ca)>, "Lappe, Catherine (AADNC/AANDC)" <[catherine.lappe@canada.ca](mailto:catherine.lappe@canada.ca)>, "Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC)" <[aruna.sadana@canada.ca](mailto:aruna.sadana@canada.ca)>, "Lavigne3, Maryse (AADNC/AANDC)" <[maryse.lavigne3@canada.ca](mailto:maryse.lavigne3@canada.ca)>, "Bourry, Marie (AADNC/AANDC)" <[marie.bourry@canada.ca](mailto:marie.bourry@canada.ca)>, "Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC)" <[carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca](mailto:carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca)>

Cc: "Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC)" <danielle.belanger@canada.ca>, "Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC)" <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>, "Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)" <tom.wong@canada.ca>, "Anderson2, Ashley (AADNC/AANDC)" <ashley.anderson2@canada.ca>  
Subject: RE: Kamloops

Hi everyone,

Attached is the draft LED information note on contaminated sites for your information.

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:05 PM  
**To:** Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC) <joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca>; Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>; Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC) <gail.mitchell@canada.ca>; Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC) <keith.conn@canada.ca>; White2, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC) <danielle.white2@canada.ca>; Thompson, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.thompson@canada.ca>; Lappe, Catherine (AADNC/AANDC) <catherine.lappe@canada.ca>; Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC) <aruna.sadana@canada.ca>; Lavigne3, Maryse (AADNC/AANDC) <maryse.lavigne3@canada.ca>; Bourry, Marie (AADNC/AANDC) <marie.bourry@canada.ca>; Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC) <danielle.belanger@canada.ca>; Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>; Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>; Anderson2, Ashley (AADNC/AANDC) <ashley.anderson2@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

That would work better for me

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**From:** Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC) <joanne.wilkinson@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:03 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>; Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC) <gail.mitchell@canada.ca>; Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC) <keith.conn@canada.ca>; White2, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC) <danielle.white2@canada.ca>; Thompson, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC) <philippe.thompson@canada.ca>; Lappe, Catherine (AADNC/AANDC) <catherine.lappe@canada.ca>; Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC) <aruna.sadana@canada.ca>; Lavigne3, Maryse (AADNC/AANDC) <maryse.lavigne3@canada.ca>; Bourry, Marie (AADNC/AANDC) <marie.bourry@canada.ca>; Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC) <carolyn.dittburner@canada.ca>; Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Cc:** Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC) <danielle.belanger@canada.ca>; Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC) <patrick.boucher@canada.ca>; Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC) <tom.wong@canada.ca>; Anderson2, Ashley (AADNC/AANDC) <ashley.anderson2@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

We have a call with CIRNA at 6, so if there's any way to start 15 minutes earlier, that would be great – thank you!

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC) <anne.wielinga@canada.ca> **On Behalf Of** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Mitchell, Gail (AADNC/AANDC); Conn, Keith (SAC/ISC); White2, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC); Wilkinson, Joanne (AADNC/AANDC); Thompson, Philippe (AADNC/AANDC); Lappe, Catherine (AADNC/AANDC); Sadana, Aruna (AADNC/AANDC); Lavigne3, Maryse (AADNC/AANDC); Bourry, Marie (AADNC/AANDC); Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC); Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Bélanger, Danielle (AADNC/AANDC); Boucher, Patrick (SAC/ISC); Wong, Tom (SAC/ISC)



**Subject:** Kamloops

**When:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:30 PM-6:15 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** conference call - Please do not forward the invitation-

Sorry for organizing this call so late but I believe most of you are at the PMA EX discussions until 5pm.  
I wanted to give you a bit of a breather but if you prefer, we could have this call at 5 or 5:15pm.....

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# Financial Outlook

Contaminated Sites on Reserve						
Description	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Grand Total
Salaries & Wages	1,720,082.00	1,720,082.00	1,720,082.00	1,720,082.00	1,720,082.00	8,600,410.00
O&M	2,167,280.00	2,117,280.00	2,117,280.00	2,117,280.00	2,017,280.00	10,536,400.00
G&C	36,120,160.00	31,224,933.00	33,470,365.00	32,792,053.00	32,513,850.00	166,121,361.00
Grand Total	40,007,522.00	35,062,295.00	37,307,727.00	36,629,415.00	36,251,212.00	185,258,171.00

Solid Waste Program						
Description	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Grand Total
Salaries & Wages	1,567,060.00					1,567,060.00
O&M	243,521.00					243,521.00
G&C	99,000,000.00					99,000,000.00
Grand Total	100,810,581.00					100,810,581.00

Presently a Treasury Board submission is on its way to get approved for the next five years.

Centre of Expertise Program						
Description	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Grand Total
Salaries & Wages	260,364.00	260,364.00	260,364.00			781,092.00
O&M	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00			37,500.00
G&C	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00			12,000,000.00
Grand Total	4,272,864.00	4,272,864.00	4,272,864.00			12,818,592.00

## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops  
**Attachments:** DRAFT - LED6012- INFORMATION\_FOR\_DM RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS KAMLOOPS - ENVIRONMENT TS.DOCX

Hi everyone,

Attached is the draft LED information note on contaminated sites for your information.

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**Subject:** RE: Kamloops

We have a call with CIRNA at 6, so if there's any way to start 15 minutes earlier, that would be great – thank you!

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC) <anne.wielinga@canada.ca> **On Behalf Of** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)

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**Subject:** Kamloops

**When:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:30 PM-6:15 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** conference call - Please do not forward the invitation-

Sorry for organizing this call so late but I believe most of you are at the PMA EX discussions until 5pm.

I wanted to give you a bit of a breather but if you prefer, we could have this call at 5 or 5:15pm.....

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**Contaminated Sites Assessments and Remediation Projects in Proximity to  
Residential Schools on Reserve**  
Information Deputy Minister

**SUMMARY**

- In light of the recent discovery of the grave site at the Kamloops Indian Residential School, this note provides background to, and a list of, contaminated sites projects on reserve lands in the area of Indian Residential Schools (Annex A).
- Due to the intrusive nature of contaminated sites work, there could be a risk of disturbance of potential unknown grave sites.
- LED-Environment Directorate is working with the regions to identify current and planned remediation projects in proximity to residential schools on reserve; confirm that First Nations leadership continues to be supportive of these activities; and that appropriate measures are taken to ensure that associated assessment and remediation work does not have the potential to disturb grave sites.
- In addition to this work, contaminated sites and waste management funding has paid for the demolition of two residential schools; an additional three residential schools are planned for demolition in 2021-22.

**BACKGROUND**

- The Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement identified 139 residential schools. Approximately 52 residential schools are located on reserve lands (Annex B). Canada is responsible for the environmental management of these lands.
- Specifically, the Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program funds the assessment and remediation of contaminated sites on reserve lands.
- Due to the nature of contaminated sites work, there may be a risk of disturbance of grave sites at projects funded by ISC through the Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program.
- LED-Environment is working with the Regions to map contaminated sites projects located in proximity to residential schools on reserve to ensure strong community engagement and appropriate precautions prior to assessment or remediation activities, which may include subsurface disturbance.
- Four assessment and remediation projects are planned in the area of Indian Residential Schools for 2021-22:
  - Lejac, Nadleh Whuten First Nation, BC (site restoration),
  - St George's School, Lytton First Nation, BC (site assessment),
  - St. Mary's, Wauzhushk Onigum Nation, ON (remediation)

- James Masty Shop and Former Federal School, Whapmagoostui, QC (remediation, pending available funding).
- At this time, ISC is unaware of any remains disturbed in association with past contaminated sites projects at former residential schools. An archaeological specialist is retained where potential archaeological impacts are identified (preferably from the First Nation).
- In addition, and at the request of communities, the Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program and First Nations Waste Management Initiative has supported the demolition of two residential schools on reserve:
  - St. Michael's (Namgis First Nation, BC, 2015), and
  - Lejac Residential School (Nadleh Whuten First Nation, BC, 1997).
- An additional three residential schools are planned for demolition:
  - Lower Post (Daylu Dena Council, YK) on June 21, 2021;
  - Coqualeetza (21 Stölö First Nations, BC) and Alberni (Tseshah First Nation, BC), both likely in 2022.
- The Coqualeetza site is planned for an Addition to Reserve. In addition to serving as a residential school, the building planned for demolition later housed a tuberculosis hospital.
- Demolition activities allow for remediation of soil and groundwater to reduce potential impacts on human health and/or the environment. ISC funding is transferred to First Nations, who have substantial control over these activities.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

- In light of recent events, there may be increased sensitivity by First Nations and federal officials associated with completing remediation projects associated with residential schools on reserve lands.
- Approaches to site assessment and remediation at sensitive reserve lands will be reassessed in consultation with First Nations leadership.
- Where requested by the First Nations leadership, the Contaminated Sites on Reserve Program will delay any projects planned on reserve lands which may have housed Indian Residential Schools to allow for adequate additional consultation and assessment.
- First Nations may approach ISC for funding to identify grave sites on reserve in advance of projects which may disturb soils, including contaminated sites assessment and remediation. The CIRNAC Settlement Agreement and Childhood Claims Branch was advanced \$21.7 million in Budget 2019 to develop tools and options in partnership with First Nations to carry out related activities.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- We will continue to work with regions to map contaminated sites projects to ensure that we have a complete list of projects in the area of residential schools.

## **ANNEXES**

Annex A: List of Contaminated Sites Projects at Indian Residential Schools  
Annex B: List of Indian Residential Schools on Reserve

**Annex A**

## Contaminated Sites projects on reserve lands in the area of Indian Residential Schools

Region	Project	Project Description	Nation	Associated Residential School
QC	James Masty Shop and Former Federal School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Day School.</li> <li>* Contaminated site assessment occurred between 2015-2017</li> <li>* Remediation is planned for the near future, in 2021/22 if funding allows.</li> <li>* There were no archeological findings to date.</li> </ul>	Whapmagoostui	Great Whale River Federal Hostel and the Great Whale River Federal Day School
ON	St-Mary's former residential school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Site was assessed between 2019-2020</li> <li>* One area was noted as potentially having human remains, no work was undertaken in that area.</li> <li>* Remediation activities are planned in 2021.</li> <li>* ISC is currently working with the community and archeological staff to decide on the technology to be used and the process to move forward with the remediation.</li> </ul>	Wauzhushk Onigum Nation.	St.Mary's Residential School
MB	Yellowquill College, Portage La Prairie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Contaminated site assessment commenced.</li> <li>* No soil disturbance to date.</li> <li>* Further assessment recommended</li> </ul>		Yellowquill College, Portage La Prairie
MB	Rossville United Church, Norway House.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Contaminated site assessment commenced.</li> <li>* No soil disturbance to date.</li> <li>* Further assessment recommended</li> </ul>		Rossville United Church, Norway House
MB	Peguis Day Schools, 2018-19. No contamination found at the day schools.	*Contaminated0 site assessment workin 2018/19.		Peguis Day Schools



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	The day schools are not listed on the Truth and Reconciliation website.	* No contamination identified. * There were no archeological findings		
MB	Former School Site - P.R. 475, Foxwarren	* Assessment undertaken. * There were no archeological findings		Former School Site - P.R. 475, Foxwarren
MB	St Marks Church and Residential School, Norway House	* Assessment commenced. * No soil disturbance to date. * Further		St Marks Church and Residential School, Norway House
MB	Subsurface investigation at Jack River School, Norway House	*Assessment commenced. *There were no archeological findings to date. *Further assessment is recommended.		Jack River School, Norway House
SK	BEAUVAL INDIAN EDUCATION CENTRE -	* 2005 site assessment work. * There were no archeological findings	ENGLISH RIVER LA PLONGE RESERVE # 192	BEAUVAL INDIAN EDUCATION CENTRE
SK	QU'APPELLE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL INC.	*2005 site assessment work. *There were no archeological findings	QU'APPELLE	QU'APPELLE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
AB	Blood: St. Paul's School UST	* Site closed in 1995. * There were no archeological findings	Blood First Nation	St. Pauls (Blood, Anglican/Church of England)
AB	Siksika: UST-Crowfoot School Site	*Site closed in 1996. *There were no archeological findings	Siksika First Nation	Crowfoot (St. Joseph's, Ste. Trinité)
AB	R&S Abandoned Gas Station (Former ASTs W of Church) (CH13)	*Site located near residential school. *No ground disturbance to date. *Further assessment required	Dene Tha' First Nation	Assumption Indian Residential School
AB	Upper Hay River School (MR12)	*Day school. *Site being addressed. *There were no archeological findings to date	Dene Tha' First Nation	Upper Hay River Indian Day School
AB	Mikisew Cree: Bishop Piche School - Soil Contamination	*Day school. *Site closed. *There were no archeological findings	Mikisew Cree First Nation	Bishop Piché School
AB	June's Former Service Station	*Site located near residential school. *No ground disturbance to date. *Further assessment required	Dene Tha' First Nation	Assumption Indian Residential School

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AB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Day school.</li> <li>* Site being addressed.</li> <li>* Remediation pending.</li> <li>* There were no archeological findings to date</li> </ul>	Saddle Lake Cree Nation	Saddle Lake Indian Residential School
BC	Walter's Store (abandoned gas station) [F] UST's at Annex [F] UST at Chief Louis Building [F] UST at Compound (near maintenance/storage shed) UST at Compound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* All the of the sites closed in 2000 and 2001.</li> <li>* There were no archeological findings.</li> </ul>	Kamloops	Kamloops Indian Residential School
BC	Namgis First Nation (07051) - IR1A Abandoned Residential School  <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/alert-bay-residential-school-demolition-is-end-of-bad-chapter-national-chief-1.2962608">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/alert-bay-residential-school-demolition-is-end-of-bad-chapter-national-chief-1.2962608</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Residential school demolition and remediation in 2015;</li> <li>* Archeological Monitor on Site at all times;</li> <li>* Healing Ceremony held, organized by Namgis and Reconciliation Canada;</li> <li>* Concerns of human remains on site brought up by community (not investigated);</li> <li>* A work stoppage occurred on site due to discovery of a bone. Following testing turned out to be animal bones;</li> </ul>	Namgis	(St. Michael's)
BC	Tseshah (06923) - IR1 Former Residential School (Lot 1) Old Residential School UST (NTC Building)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Site assessed and remediated in 2010-2011;</li> <li>* Site scheduled for further assessment/remediation in 2021;</li> <li>* Community requested funding for demolition from BC region in 2021 .</li> <li>*There were no archeological findings to date.</li> </ul>	Albernie	
BC	- IR4 Lejac Abandoned Residential School [F] ADJACENT TO ROOT CELLAR,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Six underground storage tanks removed in 1996;</li> <li>*School was demolished in 1997</li> <li>*2021 will involve the removal of foundation and demolition waste.</li> <li>*An archeological monitor is on site at all times;</li> </ul>	Nadleh Whuten (07472)	LEJAC RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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		*There were no archeological findings to date.		
BC	St. Mary's (07422) - IR1 St. Eugene Mission School Tank #1 (UST) at St. Eugene's Mission School, 15km north of Cranbrook Tank #3 (UST) at St. Eugene's Mission School, Mission Road Tank #2 (UST) at St. Eugene's Mission School, Mission Road	*Three fuel tanks assessed and removed in 1995-1996; *Community converted residential school into a resort in 2002. *There were no archeological findings	?Aqam	St. Eugene's Mission School
BC	Lytton (07340) - IR21 St. George's Church UST at St. George Church	*Fuel Tank removal and remediation 2001-2004; * As part of an ATR process the site will undergo further assessment in the coming years; *School was destroyed. There were no archeological findings	Lytton	St. George's Church
BC	Penelakut Tribe (06823) - IR7 Indian Industrial School/Band Office?	*Three underground storage tanks removed in 1996; *A fourth underground storage tank was removed and location remediated in 2005. *There were no archeological findings.	Penelakut Tribe	Kuper Island
BC	Seabird Island (09657) - IR1 Old School (St. Mary's at Lougheed Hwy)	* Fuel tank removal and remediation in 1996; * School still standing. * There were no archeological findings	Seabird Island	St. Mary's
BC	Sto:lo Nation - Coqualeetza Complex ATR - 7201 Vedder Road [F] 5 USTs at Coqualeetza, 7201 Vedder Road	* Fuel tank removal and remediation in 1998; * Environmental Site * Assessment completed in 2019 as part of the ATR process; * Multiple buildings on site; * Building 1 scheduled for demolition in 2021. There were no archeological findings to date.	11 Stolo Nations	Coqualeetza

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YK	Lower Post Residential School	<p>*Assessment and remediation 1993-2017. 2017: *Final demolition of the remaining structure will be completed June 21, 2021 following a healing ceremony, activities being planned by Daylu Dena Council.</p>	Daylu Dena Council	Lower Post
YK	Chooutla Residential School	<p>*assessment work undertaken 2017-19; *Ground penetrating radar was used; *There were no archeological findings to date.</p>	Carcross/Tagish First Nation	Chooutla Residential School,
YK	Yukon Hall	<p>Site was used by First Nation from 1959 – 2000's after school was closed. Building was demolished in 2009. Site was assessed, remediated and revegetated between 2010-2011 There were no archeological findings.</p>	Ta'an Kwach'an Council and Kwanlin Dun First Nation	Yukon Hall, Whitehorse, Yukon

**Annex B: List of Indian Residential Schools on Reserve**

School names	Location	Reserve Name (If located on)	First Nation
<b>Alberta Residential Schools</b>			
Assumption (Hay Lakes)	Assumption	Hay Lake 209	Dene Tha' First Nation
Blue Quills (Saddle Lake , Sacred Heart, formerly Lac la Biche)	St. Paul	Blue Quills First Nation Indian Reserve	6 Different Nations (Beaver Lake Cree, Cold Lake, Frog Lake, Heart Lake, Kehewin Cree, Saddle Lake Cree)
Crowfoot (St. Joseph's, St. Trinité)	Cluny	Siksika 146	Siksika Nation
Desmarais (Wabisca Lake , St. Martins, Wabisca Roman Catholic)	Desmarais-Wabasca	Not on Reserve (borders Wabasca 166A)	N/A
Edmonton (Poundmaker, formerly Red Deer Industrial)	St. Albert	Not on Reserve	N/A
Ermineskin	Hobbema	Ermineskin 138	Ermineskin Cree Nation
Fort Vermilion (St. Henry's)	Fort Vermillion	Not on Reserve (Borders Fort Vermillion Reserve No. 173B)	N/A
Grouard (St. Bernard's, Lesser Slave Lake Roman Catholic)	Grouard	Off reserve	N/A
Holy Angels (Fort Chipewyan , École des Saints-Anges)	Fort Chipewyan	Dog Head No. 218	Mikisew First Nation

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Joussard IRS (St. Bruno's)	Joussard	Not on Reserve (Between Drift Pile River 150 and Sucker Creek 150A)	N/A
Lac la Biche (Notre Dame des Victoire, predecessor to Blue Quills)	Lac La Biche	Not on Reserve	N/A
Lesser Slave Lake (St. Peter's)	Lesser Slave Lake	Not on Reserve	N/A
Morley (Stony)	Morley	Not on Reserves (Within 100m of Stony 142, 143, 144)	N/A
Old Sun	Gleichen	Siksika 146	Siksika Nation
Sacred Heart (Brocket)	Brocket	Piikani Reserve	Piikani Nation
St. Albert (Youville)	Youville	Not on Reserve	N/A
St. Augustine (Smoky River)	Smoky River	Not on Reserve	N/A
St. Cyprian's (Queen Victoria's Jubilee Home, Peigan)	Brocket	Piikani Reserve	Piikani Nation
St. Joseph's Residential School (High River , Dunbow)	High River	Not on Reserve	N/A
St. Mary's (Blood, Immaculate Conception)	Cardston	Blood No. 148	Kainai Nation (Blood Tribe)
St. Paul's (Blood, Anglican/Church of England)	Cardston	Blood No. 148	Kainai Nation (Blood Tribe)
Sarcee (St. Barnabas)	Tsuu T'ina	Tsuu T'ina Nation 145	Tsuu T'ina Nation
Sturgeon Lake (Calais, St. Francis Xavier)	Calais	Sturgeon Lake 154	Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation
Wabasca Anglican/Church of England (St. John's)	Wabasca	Not on Reserve	N/A

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Whitefish Lake (St. Andrew's)	Whitefish Lake	Utikoomak Lake 155	Whitefish Lake First Nation
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<b>British Columbia Residential Schools</b>			
Ahousat	Ahousat	Marktosis 15	Ahousat First Nation
Alberni IRS	Port Alberni	Tsahaheh 1	Tseshaht First Nation
Anahim Lake Dormitory (September 1968 to June 1977)	Anahim Lake	Squinas 2	Ulkatcho First Nation
Cariboo (St. Joseph's, William's Lake)	Williams Lake	Off Reserve	N/A
Christie (Clayquot, Kakawis)	Tofino	Tin Wis 11	Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
Coqualeetza	Chilliwack/Sardis	Not on Reserve (across highway from Skowkale 10-12)	Skowkale First Nation
Cranbrook (St. Eugene's, Kootenay)	Cranbrook	St. Mary's 1A	St. Mary's First Nation
Kamloops	Kamloops	Kamloops 1	Kamloops Indian Band
Kitimaat	Kitimaat	Kitimaat 2	Haisla First Nation
Kuper Island	Kuper Island	Penelakut Island Reserve No.7	Penelakut First Nation
Lejac (Fraser Lake)	Fraser Lake	Seaspunkut 4	Nadleh Whut'en First Nation
Lower Post	Lower Post	OFF Reserve (Surrounded by Liard River 3)	Liard River First Nation
Port Simpson (Crosby Home for Girls)	Port Simpson	Lax Kw'alaams 1	Lax Kw'alaams First Nation

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St. George's (Lytton)	Lytton	Inkluckcheen 21	Lytton First Nation
St. Mary's (Mission)	Mission	Peckquaylis Indian Reserve	21 Bands on Reserve
St. Michael's (Alert Bay Girls' Home, Alert Bay Boys' Home)	Alert Bay	Alert Bay 1A	Namgis First Nation
St. Paul's IRS (Squamish, North Vancouver)	North Vancouver	Mission 1 (Unsure if on Reserve...borders very close)	Squamish First Nation
Sechelt Residential School	Sechelt	Sechelt Band Lands No.2 (NOT A RESERVE)	Sechelt First Nations
<b>Manitoba Residential Schools</b>			
Assiniboia (Winnipeg)	Winnipeg	Off Reserve	N/A
Birtle	Birtle	Off Reserve	N/A
Brandon	Brandon	Off Reserve	N/A
Churchill Vocational Centre	Churchill	Off Reserve	N/A
Cross Lake (St. Joseph's, Jack River Annex – predecessor to Notre Dame Hostel)	Cross Lake	Cross Lake 19E	Cross Lake First Nation
Dauphin (McKay)	The Pas/Dauphin	Off Reserve	
Mckay (1 <sup>st</sup> Location)	Grace Lake	Opaskwayak Cree Nation 21F	Opaskwayak Cree Nation
Elkhorn (Washakada)	Elkhorn	Off Reserve	
Fort Alexander (Pine Falls)	Fort Alexander	Fort Alexander 3	Sagkeeng First Nation



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Guy (Guy Hill, Clearwater, The Pas, formerly Sturgeon Landing, SK)	The Pas	Off Reserve	N/A
Norway House United Church	Norway House	Off Reserve (by ~50m)	N/A
Notre Dame Hostel (Norway House Roman Catholic, Jack River Hostel, replaced Jack River Annex at Cross Lake)	Norway House	Norway House 17	Norway House Cree Nation
Pine Creek (Camperville)	Camperville	Pine Creek 66A	Pine Creek First Nation
Portage la Prairie (2 <sup>nd</sup> location)	Portage la Prairie	Long Plain 6	Long Plain First Nation
Sandy Bay	Marius	Sandy Bay 5	Sandy Bay First Nation
<b>Northwest Territories Residential Schools</b>			
Akaitcho Hall (Yellowknife Vocational School)	Yellowknife	Off Reserve	N/A
Aklavik Roman Catholic (Immaculate Conception)	Aklavik	Off Reserve	N/A
Aklavik Anglican (All Saints)	Aklavik	Off Reserve	N/A
Deh Cho Hall (Lapointe Hall)	Fort Simpson	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Fort Franklin	Fort Franklin	Off Reserve	N/A
Fort McPherson (Fleming Hall)	Fort McPherson	Off Reserve	N/A
Fort Providence Boarding Home (Sacred Heart)	Fort Providence	Off Reserve	N/A
Fort Resolution Residence (St. Joseph's)	Fort Resolution	Off Reserve	N/A
Fort Simpson Anglican (Bompas Hall)	Fort Simpson	Off Reserve	N/A
Fort Simpson Roman Catholic (Lapointe Hall)	Fort Simpson	Off Reserve	N/A

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Fort Smith (Breynat Hall)	Fort Smith	Off Reserve	N/A
Fort Smith (Grandin College)	Fort Smith	Off Reserve	N/A
Hay River (St. Peter's)	Hay River	Hay River Dene Reserve No. 1	Katlodeeche First Nation
Inuvik Roman Catholic (Grollier Hall)	Inuvik	Off Reserve	N/A
Inuvik Anglican Hostel (Stringer Hall)	Inuvik	Off Reserve	N/A
<b>Nova Scotia Residential Schools</b>			
Shubenacadie	Shubenacadie	Off Reserve	N/A
<b>Nunavut Residential Schools</b>			
Chesterfield Inlet (Turquetil Hall)	Chesterfield Inlet	Off Reserve	N/A
Coppermine (Tent Hostel)	Coppermine	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Baker Lake/Qamani'tuaq	Qamani'tuaq/ Qamanittuaq	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Belcher Islands	Sanikiluaq	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Broughton Island/Qikiqtarjuaq	Qikiqtarjuaq	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Cambridge Bay	Cambridge Bay	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Cape Dorset/Kinngait	Kinngait	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Eskimo Point/Arviat	Arviat	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Frobisher Bay (Ukkivik)	Iqaluit	Off Reserve	N/A

Federal Hostel at Igloodik/Iglulik	Igloodik/Iglulik	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Lake Harbour	Kimmirut	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Pangnirtung (Pangnirtang)	Pangnirtung/Panniqtuuq	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Pond Inlet/Mittimatalik	Mittimatalik	Off Reserve	N/A
<b>Ontario Residential Schools</b>			
Bishop Horden Hall (Moose Fort, Moose Factory)	Moose Factory Island	Off Reserve	N/A
Cecilia Jeffrey (Kenora, Shoal Lake)	Kenora	Off Reserve	N/A
Chapleau (St. John's)	Chapleau	Chapleau Indian Reserve No. 61A	Chapleau Cree First Nation
Cristal Lake	Northwestern Ontario	Off Reserve	N/A
Fort Frances (St. Margaret's)	Fort Frances	Agency Indian Reserve No. 1	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation.
Fort William (St. Joseph's)	Fort William	Off Reserve	N/A
McIntosh	McIntosh	Off Reserve	N/A
Mohawk Institute	Brantford	Six Nations Indian Reserve No. 40	Six Nations

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Mount Elgin (Muncey, St. Thomas)	Munceytown	Chippewa of the Thames First Nation Indian Reserve No. 42	Chippewa of the Thames First Nation
Pelican Lake (Pelican Falls)	Sioux Lookout	Off Reserve	N/A
Poplar Hill	Poplar Hill	Off Reserve	N/A
St. Anne's (Fort Albany)	Fort Albany	Fort Albany Indian Reserve No. 67 (2 <sup>nd</sup> location)	Fort Albany First Nation
St. Mary's (Kenora, St. Anthony's)	Kenora	Kenora Indian Reserve No. 38B	Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum
Shingwauk	Sault Ste. Marie	Off Reserve	N/A
Spanish Boys' School (Charles Garnier, St. Joseph's, formerly Wikwemikong Industrial)	Spanish	1 <sup>st</sup> location – Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve	Wikwemikong First Nation
Spanish Girls' School (St. Joseph's, St. Peter's, St. Anne's, formerly Wikwemikong Industrial)	Spanish	1 <sup>st</sup> location – Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve	Wikwemikong First Nation
Stirland Lake (Wahbon Bay Academy)	Stirland Lake	Off Reserve	N/A
<b>Québec Residential Schools</b>			
Amos (St. Marc-de-Figuery)	Amos	Off Reserve	N/A
Fort George (St. Phillip's)	Fort George	Off Reserve (Cree and Naskapi 1A and 1A-N Land)	
Fort George (St. Joseph's Mission, Residence Couture, Sainte-Thérèse-de-l'Enfant- Jésus)	Fort George	Off Reserve (Cree and Naskapi 1A and 1A-N Land)	
Federal Hostel at George River	Kangirsualujjuaq	Off Reserve	N/A

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Federal Hostel at Great Whale River (Poste-de-la-Baleine, Kuujjaraapik)	Kuujjaraapik / Whapmagoostui	Off Reserve (Cree and Naskapi 1A and 1A-N Land)	
Mistassini Hostels	Mistassini	Off Reserve (Cree and Naskapi 1A and 1A-N Land)	
Federal Hostel at Payne Bay (Bellin)	Kangirsuk	Off Reserve	N/A
Federal Hostel at Port Harrison (Inoucdjouac, Innoucdouac)	Inukjuak	Off Reserve	N/A
La Tuque	La Tuque	Off Reserve	N/A
Point Bleue	Point Bleue	Mashteuiatsh Indian Reserve	Pekuakamiulnuatsh First Nation
Sept-Îles (Seven Islands , Notre Dame, Maliotenam)	Sept-Îles	Maliotenam Indian Reserve	Innu Takuaihan Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam
<b>Saskatchewan Residential Schools</b>			
Battleford	Battleford	Off Reserve	N/A
Beauval (Lac la Plonge)	Beauval	La Plonge Indian Reserve No. 192	English River First Nation
Cote Improved Federal Day School , for the period September 1928 to June 1940	Kamsack	Cote Indian Reserve 64	Cote First Nation
Crowstand	Kamsack	Off Reserve	N/A
File Hills	Balcarres	Okanese Indian Reserve 82	Okanese First Nation
Fort Pelly	Fort Pelly	Off Reserve	N/A

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Gordon's	Gordon's Reserve, Punnichy	Off Reserve	N/A
Lac La Ronge (see Prince Albert)	La Ronge (Later transferred to Prince Albert)	Off Reserve (in La Ronge	N/A
Lebret (Qu'Appelle, Whitecalf, St. Paul's High School)	Lebret	Wa-Pii-Moos-Toosis Indian Reserve	Star Blanket Cree Nation
Marieval (Cowessess, Crooked Lake)	Grayson	Cowessess Indian Reserve No. 73	Cowessess First Nation
Muscowequan (Lestock, Touchwood)	Lestock	Muskowekwan Indian Reserve 85	Muskowekwan First Nation
Onion Lake Anglican (see Prince Albert)	Onion Lake (Later transferred to Prince Albert)		
Prince Albert (Onion Lake Church of England , St. Alban's, All Saints, St. Barnabas, Lac La Ronge)	Prince Albert	Chief Joseph Custer Reserve	Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation
Regina	Regina	Off Reserve	N/A
Round Lake	Stockholm	Off Reserve	N/A
St. Anthony's (Onion Lake Roman Catholic)	Onion Lake	Makao Indian Reserve No. 120	Onion Lake Cree Nation
St. Michael's (Duck Lake)	Duck Lake	Willow Cree Indian Reserve	Beardy, Okemasis, and One Arrow First Nation
St. Phillip's	Kamsack	Off Reserve	N/A
Sturgeon Landing (Predecessor to Guy Hill, Manitoba)	Sturgeon Landing	Sturgeon Weir Indian Reserve No. 184F	Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation
Thunderchild (Delmas)	Delmas	Off Reserve	N/A

<b>Yukon Residential Schools</b>			
Carcross (Chooulta)	Carcross	Off Reserve (Yukon First Nations Settlement Land)	
Coudert Hall (Whitehorse Hostel/Student Residence – Predecessor to Yukon Hall)	Whitehorse	Off Reserve (Yukon First Nations Settlement Land)	Ta'an Kwach'an
St. Paul's Hostel (September 1920 to June 1943)	Dawson City	Off Reserve	
Shingle Point (Predecessor to All Saints, Aklavik)	Shingle Point	Off Reserve	
Whitehorse Baptist Mission	Whitehorse	Off Reserve	
Yukon Hall (Whitehorse/Protestant Hostel)	Whitehorse	Off Reserve (Yukon First Nations Settlement Land)	Kwanlin Dun First Nation













## **Elliott, Danika (AADNC/AANDC)**

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Sent:** June 6, 2021 4:02 PM  
**To:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC); Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Cc:** Dittburner, Carolyn (AADNC/AANDC); Wielinga, Anne (AADNC/AANDC)  
**Subject:** RE: REVISED: For Approval - Ministers' Message - Kamloops Residential School  
**Attachments:** Ministers message to employee - Kamloops - 2021-06-04.docx

Hi Chris,

Just following up on this one to see if you are ok with it

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**From:** Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
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**To:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>; Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: REVISED: For Approval - Ministers' Message - Kamloops Residential School

Much better. I would not say that we will get answers on what happened as this is not up to us but the community.

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**From:** Roumeliotis, Eugenia (AADNC/AANDC) <eugenia.roumeliotis@canada.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** Fox, Christiane (AADNC/AANDC) <christiane.fox@canada.ca>; Gideon, Valerie (AADNC/AANDC) <valerie.gideon@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** REVISED: For Approval - Ministers' Message - Kamloops Residential School

Chris, Val,

Revised note for your review and approval – completely different tone. It is also with CIRNA for approval.

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**From:** Guibert, Geneviève (AADNC/AANDC) <genevieve.guibert@canada.ca>  
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**Subject:** RE: For Approval - Ministers' Message - Kamloops Residential School

How about this? We hope it addresses the Associate's concerns.



(English follows)

*Ce message traite de sujets susceptibles de provoquer des traumatismes liés à des souvenirs de mauvais traitements. Nous sommes conscients que certains employés pourraient ne pas vouloir lire la suite afin de minimiser le risque associé au déclenchement de ces traumatismes.*

Chers collègues,

Cette semaine nous avons dû faire face à beaucoup d'émotion et à beaucoup de douleur. Le sort de ces jeunes enfants, morts et enterrés sans sépulture sans que leur famille ne soit mise au courant nous bouleverse tous. Nous pouvons vous assurer que nous sommes prêts à travailler sans relâche avec vous et les partenaires afin de trouver les réponses nécessaires.

Plusieurs d'entre nous sont directement touchés par cette nouvelle, que ce soit en raison de leur expérience personnelle dans un pensionnat autochtone ou en raison de celle d'un membre de leur famille directe (père, mère, oncle, tante, cousin, cousine). Nous voulons vous assurer de notre soutien inconditionnel.

Votre dévouement quotidien pour aider à améliorer les conditions de vie des peuples autochtones, votre travail acharné pour faire avancer la Réconciliation ne sont pas vains. Nous sommes impressionnés et fiers de tout ce que vous accomplissez.

Depuis quelques années, nous avons assisté à un tournant dans la prise de conscience collective de ce qu'ont vécu et vivent encore les peuples autochtones. Et votre travail prend toute sa signification et sa pleine mesure. Nous continuerons ensemble, plus forts, vers la construction d'un pays uni et inclusif.

Aux équipes en région, aux gestionnaires, aux collègues, votre support auprès de vos collègues est très important et nécessaire. Soyez à l'écoute, discutez et veillez les uns sur les autres.

Si vous avez besoin de soutien psychologique, ou si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui en aurait besoin, différentes ressources sont offertes, dont la [ligne téléphonique d'aide aux employés](#), au 1-800-268-7708 (pour malentendants - ATS au 1-800-567-5803). Une ligne d'écoute téléphonique de [Résolution des questions de pensionnats indiens](#) offre du soutien aux anciens élèves des pensionnats. Jour et nuit, vous pouvez accéder à des services de soutien affectif et d'aiguillage en situation de crise en composant le 1-866-925-4419. Les employés autochtones peuvent aussi rejoindre la ligne d'écoute d'espoir pour le mieux-être au 1-855-242-3310 ou clavarder en ligne sur leur site (pour accéder à leur site Web, veuillez copier et coller l'hyperlien suivant dans votre navigateur Web : <https://www.espoirpourelmieuxetre.ca/>).

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L'honorable Marc Miller  
Ministre des Services aux Autochtones Canada

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*This message deals with topics that may cause trauma by invoking memories of past abuse. We recognize that some employees may not want to read on to minimize the risk associated with triggering.*

Dear colleagues,

This week we had to deal with a lot of emotion and a lot of pain. The fate of these young First Nations children, who have died and buried anonymously without their families knowing about them, is devastating to all of us. We can assure you that we will work tirelessly with you and our partners to find the necessary answers.

Many of us have been directly affected by this news, either because of your personal experiences at a residential school or a direct family member such as a parent, uncle, aunt, or grandparent. We want to assure you of our unconditional support.

Your daily dedication to help improving the lives of Indigenous Peoples, your hard work to advance Reconciliation, is not in vain. We are impressed and proud of everything you do.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed a turning point in the collective awareness of what Indigenous Peoples have experienced and continue to experience. And your work takes on its full meaning and its full measure. We will continue all together, stronger, to build a united and inclusive country.

To regional teams, managers, colleagues, your support to your peers is very important and necessary. Listen, discuss and watch out for each other.

If you need support—or know someone who does—different resources are available to you through the [Employee Assistance Program, which you can reach](#) by calling 1-800-268-7708 (or TTY for people with hearing impairments at 1-800-567-5803). A [National Indian Residential School Crisis Line](#) has been set up to provide support to former residential school students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-Hour National Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419. Indigenous employees can also access the Hope for Wellness Help Line at 1-855-242-3310, or connect to the online chat through their website (to access the web site, please copy and paste the following link in your browser: <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/>).

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Minister of Indigenous Services Canada

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**SPEAKING POINTS FOR THE MINISTER OF INDIGENOUS  
SERVICES**

**Kamloops Indian Residential School Tragedy  
(To be presented at the Cabinet Committee on Reconciliation on  
June 2, 2021)**

- It is with a heavy heart that I speak to you today.
- As I know you are all aware, last Thursday the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation announced that preliminary findings from a survey of the grounds at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School have uncovered the remains of 215 children buried at the site. It is estimated that the youngest of these children would have been just three years old.
- This is not simply a historic tragedy – many of those children have relatives alive today. This news is beyond heart-breaking, it is a painful reminder of that dark and shameful chapter of our country's history, history that continues to have wide-spread ramifications today.
- I spoke with Kukpi7 Casimir on Thursday evening to offer the full support of my department as the community and surrounding communities honour and mourn the loss of these children.
- This tragedy underscores the need for comprehensive mental health supports, which is a priority for my department. Given the potential for re-traumatization of survivors, their families and communities, there will likely be

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an increased demand for emotional, cultural and mental health support services under ISC's Mental Wellness Program, which includes the Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program.

- Ensuring access to emotional and cultural supports and mental health counselling is considered a best practice in supporting psychological safety during processes that have the potential to re-traumatize.
- This tragedy also underscores the importance of First Nations, Inuit and Métis to exercise jurisdiction over child and family services and establishes national principles such as best interests of the child, cultural continuity, and substantive equality to help guide the provision of child and family services in relation to Indigenous children.
- This right is affirmed in the *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*, which came into force on January 1, 2020.
- My Department is committed to ensuring that families at risk receive support and prevention services designed to maintain familial support systems, and to keeping children in their communities, connected to their language and culture.
- As we strive to address the legacy of the past and recognize the children whose lives were lost and irreparably damaged, we must all turn to the future and ensure we set up the next generation with the investments

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needed to allow children, families and communities to thrive and flourish.

- Across Canada, as flags fly at half-mast and children's shoes sit on steps, Indigenous communities and leaders warn that this is not an isolated incident. There are calls to protect the sites of former residential schools, until full investigations can be done.
- We cannot undo the past, but we must do everything possible to support communities as they tell us what is needed to finally close the chapter on residential schools and work towards healing.